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#### EU to give \$65m to PNA in 1996

GAZA CITY (AFP) — The Palestiman National Authority (PNA) on Wednesday signed a donor accord with the European Union (EU) for \$65 million in aid to help build village schools and buy computers, officials said. It was the first agreement for aid in 1996 and was hailed by Palestinian International Cooperation muister Nabil Shaath as "proof of the growing support from the European Union for the Palestinians." He signed the agreement with Thomas Dupla, the head of the EU representation in East Jerusalem. It provides for \$17.5 million for new village schools, and \$18 million towards universities and higher education in the territories, as well as five million for computers and equipment Some \$13 million will go towards local government services, and there were several other projects. The PNA is hoping the Palestinians will also share in \$12 billion of aid and loans to be appoinced at a conference in Barcelona on Nov. 27 and 28

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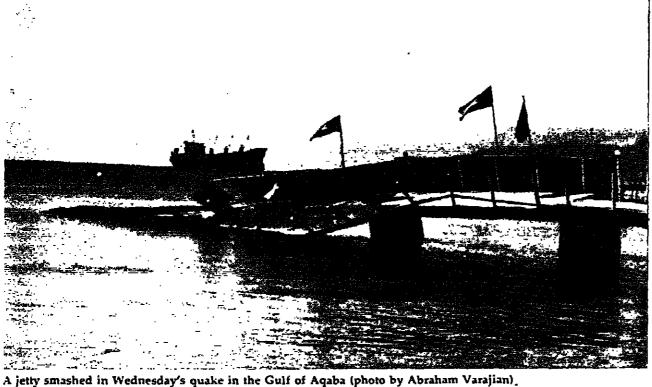
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#### Body of Thai ambassador flown home

AMMAN (Agencies) - The body of Thailand's nonresident ambassador to Jordan killed in a car accident last weekend on the highway linking Iraq to Jordan. was flown home Wednesday. Zuhair Astour, Thailand's honorary consul here, said the body of Kwanchai Lulitanonda, who was resident ambassador to Iraq, was flown home aboard a chartered plane at around 9 p.m. Wednesday. A representative of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan was present at the airport. Memorial services for the late ambassador were held in Baghdad on Sunday, one day after the accident in which the late ambassador's Iraqi driver was also killed. The envoy's wife was in the car when the accident happened. She suffered serious cuts, but was also due to leave for home Wednesday night.

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## Quake jolts Mideast; 8 killed

Combined agency dispatches

A POWERFUL earthquake shook the Middle East from Lebanon to the borders of Sudan at dawn on Wednesday, causing eight deaths, dozens of injuries and damage to buildings in Saudi Arabia, Israel, Jordan and

Four people including the hotel manager were killed and 10 people were injured when the four-storey barracuda hotel collapsed in the Egyptian port of Nuweibch, near the centre of the earthquake in the Gulf of Aqaba.

security sources said. The dead included hotel manager Nabil Fouad Zaki. an Egyptian driver and a Lebanese traveller. The fourth body is still under the rubble and has not been idea-

tified, they said. The lobby of the Hilton Hotel in Nuweibeh collapsed and other parts of the Hilton and the Helman hotels were

The Hilton doctor, Tarek

Arafat arrives in

THE HAGUE (AFP) ~

Palestinian leader Yasser

Arafat arrived at a military

airport near here Wednesday

for a one-day visit to discuss

the Middle East peace pro-

Liberation Organisation

(PLO leader was to hold talks

with Prime Minister Wim

Kok and Foreign Minister

Hans van Mierlo. The three

were expected to discuss the

Middle East peace process in

Minister Yitzhak Rabin, as

well as a plan to deploy

Dutch observers at elections

next spring in the auton-

omous Palestinian territories.

Early Thursday, Mr. Arafat

is to open Global Panel, a

two-day international forum

of socio-economic brain-

storming that is held in the

Netherlands each year. Mr.

Arafat, who will be the guest

of honour, is to give a speech

on the future of the Middle

East and investment opportu-

Independence Day

BEIRUT (R) - Lebanon on

Wednesday marked its 52nd

Independence Day by urging

Arab countries to help it re-

gain a southern security zone

occupied by Israel. In a

speech delivered on Tuesday

night to mark the occasion,

President Elias Hrawi called

on Arab states to support

Lebanon's drive to restore

the 15-km wide zone. "We

call on Arab brothers to sup-

port us ... the whole world

knows by now that Lebanon

will not give up one hand

Span of its right (to the

land)...," he said. Mr. Hra-

wi. Parliament Speaker

Nabih Berri and Deputy

Prime Minister Michel Al

Murr watched tanks,

armoured troop carriers and

heavy artillery roll along the

former civil war frontline in a

nities in the region.

Lebanon marks

the Hague

in serious condition, and two Egyptians were injured in the nightclub of the Helnan, the sources added.

The earthquake damaged the terminal and the quays at Nuweibeh port, the main terminal for marine traffic to Jordan, and it cracked the control tower of Sharm Al Sheikh airport, near the southern tip of the Sinai Peninsula, it said.

Seismic observatories disputed the strength of the earthquake offering estimates ranging from 5.7 to 7.2 on the Richter Scale. But the centre was far from

heavily populated areas. parentiv out at sea abou 110 kilometres south of the port of Agaba. Two people died of heart

attacks - an Israeli tourist aged 67 in Eilat and a Jordanian man in nearby Aqaba. In Egypt, two men were killed when they jumped off balconies in panie, one in the

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### 1 dead at Aqaba; aftershocks felt

By Ghalia Alul Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — One person was killed and 19 others were injured in the earthquake which struck the southern Gulf of Aqaba at 6:15 a.m. Wednesday. Agence France-Presse

(AFP) quoted hospital sources in Aqaba as saying that Jamil Atallah Ahmad, 72, died after suffering a heart attack following the guake, which Jordanian scientists said measured up to 6.2 on the Richter scale.

The Globe Institute at Strasbourg in France told AFP that the earthquake measured up to 7.1 on the Richter scale and was felt throughout Israel, Egypt. Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, and Saudi Arabia (see separate

The earthquake was followed by several aftershocks which were less powerful, the head of Jordan's Natural Resources Authority, Fakhri Dagehstani, told the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

Israel Radio reported that later on Wednesday, an aftershock measuring 4.5 on the Richter scale hit the Dead Sea resort at Eilat, but did not cause any damages.

Nineteen people were taken to hospital in the Agaba region. Most of them were suffering from fractures and shocks, the Civil Defence Department (CDD) in

Agaba said in a statement. "Injuries were mostly caused from fear of the quake, especially in Aqaba which was the hardest hit as it was the nearest city to the

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after Mr. Peres "we have to

creating an "armed Palesti-nian state" which posed a

threat to the security of

difficult negotiations ahead with the Palestinians, saying

Jerusalem had to remain the

"united capital of Israel."

Talks with the Palestinians on

the final status of the territor-

ies including Israeli-annexed

east Jerusalem are not due to

start until May 1996.

in the negotiations.

The new 21-member gov-

ernment looked set "to con-

sovereingty."

Mr. Peres also hinted at

He accused Labour of

keep the Golan Heights."

Israel.

#### **Parliament** called to session on

Dec. 2

AMMAN (J.T.) - His Majesty King Hussein on Wednesday issued a Royal Decree convening Parliament on Dec. 2 for a session that is expected to focus on laws regarding parliamentary elections and labour,

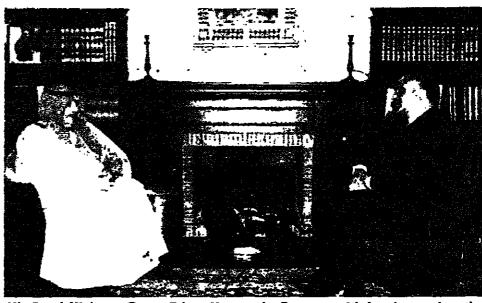
The opening session will be held next month with a traditional speech the Monarch will deliver outlining his government's policy.
"We Al Hussein I, of the

Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, in accordance with Paragraph A of Article 78 of the Constitution, decree that Parliament is called to convene its regular session as of Saturday Dec. 2, 1995," the Royal Decree said.

Parliament went into recess Sept. 19 after a threemonth special summer session in which the legislature changed a number of laws to reflect the 1994 peace treaty signed with Israel.

Lawmakers lifted a decades-old boycott of Israel and introduced sweeping changes that made it easier for foreigners to invest in the King-

Parliament sources quoted by AP said priority will be given to modifying laws on parliamentary elec-tions and on regulating the labour market.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, on Wednesday receives the newly-appointed Saudi ambassador to Jordan, Abdullah Soudairi, at the Royal Court (photo by Boghos)

### Regent stresses need for better Arab ties, action

AMMAN (Petra) - His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent. on Wednesday underlined the need for strengthening inter-Arab relations and reviving collective Arab action, particularly that the current stage of Arab history requires cooperation to ensure further

progress for the Arab people. Speaking at a meeting with the newly appointed Saudi ambassador to Jordan. Sheikh Abdullah Sudairi, at the Royal Court, the Regent lauded strong and solid foundation for relations between Jordan and Saudi Afa-

Sheikh Sudairi conveyed to the Regent greetings from King Fahd of Saudi Arabia to His Majesty King Hussein and the Regent and wishing the Jordanian people further progress and prosperity.

The ambassador praised Jordanian efforts restoring Arab solidarity and giving momentum to regional economic progress.

Also on Wednesday the Regent received a message from King Fahd in reply to his cable while flying in Saudi Arabian air space on his way to a recent visit to Bahrain. The Regent also received

Majed Jashi, the Bahraini agriculture minister, and chairman and members of the executive board of the Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development (AOAD). which ended a meeting in Amman Wednesday.

He urged the board to help boost the AOAD's activities towards enabling the Arab countries to increase their food production and ensure food security. The meeting was attended

by Minister of Agriculture Mansour Ben Tarif and the Regent's adviser Mohammad

#### Bosnia deal raises optimism Michael McCurry announced

Combined agency dispatches

RUMP YUGOSLAVIA'S ruling elite on Wednesday hailed a long-awaited Bosnian peace accord as an "his-toric victory" but Serbian nationalists cried betrayal and many Belgrade residents doubted it would make much difference.

The leaders of Serbia, Bosnia and Croatia initialled the agreement in Dayton, Ohio. on Tuesday after three weeks of exhaustive negotiations aimed at putting an end to four years of bloodshed in the former Yugoslavia.

"Peace" was the simple banner headline carried by several local newspapers, alongside pictures of a smiling Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic. Rump Yugoslavia comprises only Serbia and Montenegro.

"(The Dayton agreement) is a big and historic victory of peace," Milomit Minic, secretary-general of Serbia's ruling Socialist Party, told Taniug news agency. European powers, diplo-

matically eclipsed by the U.S.-brokered peace deal on Bosnia, sought with barely concealed pique to win back a share of the military and economic limelight in its implementation. While cautiously welcom-

ing the accord announced amid much fanfare by U.S. President Bill Clintin, French leaders in particular were almost openly vying to point out that, although their efforts failed for three long vears, the end result could not have been reached without them.

French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette expressed thinly-veiled bitterness at Washington's diplomatic coup.

peace which was obtained in Bosnia," he told French radio. "You cannot say that, even if President Clinton and the Americans have tried to

has not been present. It is

attract coverage onto them. "Our problems and our regret is that Europe as such Europe Union. But a certain number of countries were strongly committed, France the first," he said, recalling that 53 French soldiers have been killed and 300 injured in four years of war. A key achievement in

asserting Europe's role in the peace was confirmed Wednesday afternoon when Washington agreed that the signing ceremony for the historic accord would take place in Paris. France, which has pro-

vided the majority of troops to the U.N. Protection Force (UNPROFOR) on the ground in Bosnia and played a key diplomatic role over the years, had long assumed it would get the honour.

But immediately after Mr. Clinton's Rose Garden announcement, an embarrassing confusion emerged over the site of the signing cere-mony, which will inevitably reflect positively on whichever country hosts it.

Relief finally came Wednesday afternoon when

that the formal ceremony for the singing of the Bosnian peace agreement will take place in Paris. Other European capitals

are also bidding to host conferences linked to the accord: London, Brussels, Bonn and Moscow are all in the frame to organise something to mark their contribution to

French President Jacques Chirac was also keen to point out that, while reaching an agreement in Dayton was one thing, implementing it on the ground was quite another.

Stopping the war on the ground is one thing, we must now put a stop to it in people's heads and hearts," the president said. "This is a step towards peace, it's still not

peace." he added. Other European leaders added to the note of caution among European leaders about the peace accord. Greek President Constantinos Stefanopoulos said he hoped it was

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#### No large-scale plot in Rabin killing - Shohat

(Agencies) — In a surprising turnabout, the Israeli police minister said Wednesday there was no large-scale conspiracy to kill Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and that only the gunman and his brother were involved in the plot.

cessor Shimon Peres won broad approval - 62-8 with 38 abstentions — for his new government as legislators de-The head of the Shin Bet,

Mr. Peres told legislators his main mission was to bring about a comprehensive peace by the turn of the millenium. creating "a Middle East without violence, bloodshed, terror, wars and without the reason for all this - poverty'

Police Minister Moshe Shahal, speaking to reporters in a parliament hallway after the vote, backed off earlier assertions that Mr. Rabin was killed by a group of people who meticulously planned the Nov. 4 attack.

conspiracy (to kill Rubin)." said Shahal, but did not explain his change of view. Mr. Shahal said there was a

associated with confessed assassin Yigal Amir and his brother, Hagai. The inner circle, he said, consisted of "the two brothers (with aims to) assassinate the prime minister, and probably one or two others that were not ac-

mained in detention Wednesday in connection with Rabin's death - the Amir brothers, Yigal Amir's former girlfriend, Margalit Harshefi, Yigal Amir's army buddy Dror Adani, and a soldier in an elite unit, Eric

this week, Avshalom Weinberg, was accused of planning to attack Palestinian prisoners released under the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) agreement.

### Hundreds held in Pakistani sweep

Pakistani police have de-tained hundreds of religious militants and Afghans in a nationwide crackdown on religious and political violence and after the Egyptian embassy bomb blast, officials

More than 200 religious militants were detained nationwide in a move officials said was not directly linked to the carbombing that destroyed the Egyptian embassy in Islamabad on Sunday kill-

ing 17 people. Press reports said about 80 Afghans had been picked up in Islamabad over the embassy blast and that five Afghan employees of the embassy

were missing after the blast. Nasim Akhtar Khan, a Pakistani, died in hospital Wednesday from multiple iniuries he suffered in the blast, medical sources said, taking the death toll from Sunday's attack to 17 with another 60

injured. Three Egyptian fundamentalist groups have claimed responsibility for the

More than 20 Egyptians in Pakistan have also been ques-

Three Egyptian groups claimed responsibility the blast — Jamaa Islamiyah, Al Jihad and the International Justice Group, Egyptian experts are in Pakistan helping with the inquiry.

Police singled out Pakistani fundamentalists in their crackdown on domestic trou-

The Urdu language mass circulation newspaper Jang claimed the nationwide dragnet captured "hundreds" of leaders and workers of religious bodies and religionbased political groups.

"It is a preventive detention of those involved in sectarianism and regarded a threat to public peace," said a senior police official in Punjab province, where most arrests were made.

Pakistan has a long history of sectarian tension, with frequent outbreaks of religious violence.

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto ordered the sweep following the murder of the father of a parliamentary deputy. Riaz Pirzada, of the ruling Pakistan People's Par-

### Peres secures Knesset approval for his cabinet Peace with Syria in priority focus

Combined agency dispatches

ISRAELI PRIME MINIS-TER Shimon Peres won the backing of the Knesset (parliament) on Wednesday to press on with the peace policies of his assassinated predecessor Yitzhak Rabin and set his sights firmly on Syria.

His new cabinet team was approved by the Knesset by 62 votes for and eight against. There were 38 abstentions out of the 120-seat parliament. The other members of Knesset were absent or chose not to take part in the electronic vote. With his new team in

place, Mr. Peres, 72, took personal charge of the peace negotiations, setting up an inner core of ministers to help him steer the process. Former chief of staff Ehud Barak became foreign minister, while the charismatic

head of the trade union body

Histradut, Haim Ramon,

took over as interior minis-But the divided vote showed that despite a determination not to allow the act of a Jewish fanatic who gunned down Mr. Rabin on Nov. 4 to govern the country's policies, political differences

remained as sharply etched as Mr. Peres pledged: "The basis of this government is 'no to violence, yes to peace," recalling the slogan of the Tel Aviv rally where

Mr. Rabin was killed. Most of the right-wing deputies had already determined to abstain from the vote, thus showing their outrage at the assassination without actively backing the new government.

I. Shimon the son of Yit-

zhak and Sarah Peres, promise as the prime minister to pledge allegiance to the State of Israel and its laws, to faithfully fulfill my job as the prime minister and to carry out the Knesset decisions."

he said. In a personal plea, Mr. Peres urged Syrian President Hafez Al Assad to join in the march to peace, addressing him as if he were present in

the Israeli parliament. "You have to understand that the logic of war is over," he said to Mr. Assad.

"I ask you to help build peace. It can be a global peace and a regional peace in all fields, strategic and economic," he said and pledged Israel was ready to resume talks with Syria which ground to a halt in June.

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher telephoned Mr. Peres on Wednesday to wish him luck and assure him of the support of the United States in peace moves towards Syria.

Syrian state radio said Damascus "will welcome any initiative which will help to secure peace and will support any effort towards this.

It said: "This peace will be just and comprehensive, and accepted by all parties," adding that it would have to be based on the principle of land for peace.

It also called on Israel to "clearly declare its commitment to implementing U.N. resolutions" on withdrawing from the Golan Heights. Damascus has sent out a number of signals since the murder of Mr. Rabin that it is willing to resume peace talks.

Likud right-wing opposi-

tion leader Benjamin

Netanyahu told the Knesset

Mr. Barak, despite stepping into Mr. Peres' shoes as foreign minister, will only have a limited role in the Arab-Israeli peace talks. Instead, Mr. Peres appointed his protege Yossi

Beilin as his right hand man.

a minister without portfolio.

with special responsibilities

for the peace process.

things, the prime minister's

office, defence and the peace

process. He will be both Shi-

mon Peres and Yitzhak

Rabin.

He added his government would oppose any Palestinian "political activity which would undermine Israeli But the cabinet was earlier welcomed by Palestinian International Cooperation Minister Nabil Shaath, who In Parliament, Rabin sucsaid it would be a "partner"

tinue necotiations to make monstrated unity in the wake the peace process irreversible of the assassination. and ... implement the agreements we signed," he said. Israeli commentator Nahum Barnea prediced: "It will be a one-man government. Peres has taken under his wing all the important

(see separate story).

"I don't think there was a

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM group of Jewish militants

"The larger group were planning to harrass or kill Palestinians, especially police officers," Shahal said.

Israel's internal security service, reportedly told a government commission of inquiry into Rabin's death this week that he believed Amir was a lone assassin. In all, five people re-

Schwartz. A sixth suspect arrested

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Tehran has always insisted

its sovereignty over the three islands, which the Iranian

army occupied in 1971, was

"not negotiable," although it

was ready to clear up "mis-

understanding" about the administration of Abu Musa.

The official Iranian news

agency IRNA said in Tehran

Monday that the foreign

ministers of the UAE and

Iran could meet soon in Doha

to revive the talks after hav-

ing previously insisted they

meet in the Iranian capital

the UAE capital, collapsed in

1992 after Iran refused to

discuss Greater and Lesser

The islands dispute erupted in 1992 after the UAE ac-

cused Iran of trying to annex Abu Musa despite a 21-year-

old arrangement to share

The Sudanese government

condemned that conference,

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the paper said.

**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

Iraq sends condolences to Egypt on blast

BAGHDAD (AFP) - Iraq sent its condolences to Egypt

on Tuesday after the bomb blast at the Egyptian embassy in

Islamabad that killed 16 people, despite the absence of diplomatic ties between the two Arab states. The official

news agency INA said Foreign Minister Mohammad Al Sahaf sent a telegramme of condolence to his Egyptian counterpart, Amr Musa. Iraq broke off ties with Egypt during the 1991 Gulf war when Egyptian troops fogult alongside the U.S-led military coalition to evict Iraqi troops from Kuwait. But Fourties President Hosni Muhamba

from Kuwait. But Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak

called in October for a formula to relieve the hardships of

the Iraqi people whose country has been under crippling U.N. sanctions since Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990.

CAIRO (AFP) — Egyptian singer and film star Leila

Murad died of heart failure at the age of 78 late Tuesday,

the daily Al Ahram reported. Born in 1917 to a Jewish family, Murad converted to Isalm when she married a film

director, with whom she had one son. After her first film,

"The Victims," in 1934, Murad's star rose to become one

of the most popular Arab actresses of the 1940s and her

lilting voice earned her the title the "Lute of Arab Song"

First Libyan ferry in a month docks in Malta

VALLETTA (R) — A Libyan ferry arrived in Malta's Grand Harbour on Wednesday nearly a month after the

service between Libya and Malta was suspended following

the killing of Islamic Jihad leader Fathi Shaqaqi on the

island. Sea Malta, local agent for Libya's General National

Maritime Transport Company (GNMTC), said the ferry

Garnata had arrived to take passengers and cargo. They

did not say if this meant the resumption of the regular daily

ferryboat service, which has been a key route for Libyan

travellers since the United Nations imposed sanctions,

including an air ban, on Libya over the 1988 Lockerbie

airline bombing. The Libyan company suspended the ferry

service on Nov. 1, a day after a demonstration by some 500

Libyans and Palestinians outside the Maltese embassy in

Singer Leila Murad dies at 78

### UAE, Iran fail to agree | Expulsion of foreigners on dispute over islands | will continue, Libya says

United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Iran have failed to agree on a course for settling a long-standing conflict over three strategic islands in the Gulf, UAE delegates said Wednesday.

The four-day talks held in Qatar to resolve the dispute over the islands of Abu Musa and the Greater and Lesser Tunb were the first since September 1992 when a session in Abu Dhabi broke up without agreement

Iran and the UAE were unable to find "a basis of understanding" for an agenda outlining the points to be negotiated for settling the conflict, UAE delegation head Khalifa Shahine Al Merri told the official UAE news agency WAM.

Mr. Merri denounced what he called Iran's "lack of flexibility" during the talks here. He charged that the "Iranian side categorically refused" to help draw up an

KHARTOUM (AP) - Five

former Sudanese officials

have appealed in a letter to

the Islamic regime and south-

ern rebels to negotiate an end

to the civil war by giving the

south the right to a say in its

The existence of the letter

was disclosed Wednesday by

Amin Banani, a member of

Sudan's parliament and a

leading proponent of Islamic

Mr. Banani was quoted in

the independent Al Rai Al

Akhbar newspaper as criticis-

Southern rebels rose up

rule in the north.

had proposed when it invited the two sides to meet in

Tehran argued instead that "the goal of the meeting was not to develop an agenda,"

Mr. Merri renewed his country's call "to settle the conflict peacefully or take the conflict over the three islands to the International Court of Justice at the Hague " if the two sides fail to reach an understanding.

When the talks began Saturday, the UAE proposed a four-point agenda demanding first Iran's withdrawal from the two Tunbs. It also asked for implementing the accord the two countries struck in 1971 calling for shared administration of Abu Musa until its sovereignty is

Heading the Iranian team here was Hussein Sadeqi, a senior foreign ministry official, but there was no im-

Former officials urge Khartoum

and southern rebels to end strife

fighting and war-related

"I agree with the content

He also said the letter

should have been made pub-

lic earlier so that it could be

"Everything can be negotiated except the Sharia (Islamic Law)," Mr. Banani said.

"Self-determination is not a

thing that cannot be discus-

subject to "open debate."

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Banani.

will continue to expel foreign workers to ease unemployment caused by U.N. sanctions, a senior Libyan official

said Wednesday. "Libya will continue to expel foreigners who have an illegal status in our country and will assume no responsibility for them after the United Nations refusal to allow them to leave by air." Ibrahim Kudair told AFP in

"These measures could affect more than one million people because Libya has decided to give job priorities to Libyans," said Mr. Kudair, a secretary in charge of Libyan labour affairs as well as the expulsions launched in September.

But we will always need hundreds of thousands of foreign workers," he added. The United Nations imposed an air embargo on to hand over to Britain or the United States two suspects in the 1988 bombing of a U.S. passenger plane over Lockerbie, Scotland, that killed 270

Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi announced at the start of September that he would expel his country's 30,000 Palestinians to show up what he called the failure of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) autonomy deal with Israel.

This air embargo and the ban on importing spare parts has slowed down our development projects and stopped the creation of 250,000 new jobs," Mr. Kudair said.

Kudair insisted that "many humanitarian problems could have been solved if Libya or the countries concerned by the expulsion of foreigners were allowed to repatriate Sudan - which expects 300,000 of its nationals to be expelled from Libya - was turned down by the U.N. Sanctions Committee.

Sudanese nationals forced out of Libya must trek across 3.000 kilometres of desert to reach their country. Khartoum said five deportees died on the road and tens of thousands were stuck in border camps without proper medical care.

Mr. Kudair confirmed Libya had stopped expelling Palestinian workers but said they no longer enjoyed any special privileges.

"Before, because they were stateless, they were a priority over all other foreigners and were treated on an equal footing with Libyan nationals. But now we are encouraging those who can return to Gaza and the West Bank to go back."

### Abu Marzouk seeks NEW YORK (R) - A lead-

er of an Islamic group being held in the United States at Israel's request is seeking re-lease on bail, according to court documents obtained by Reuters on Tuesday.

U.S. immigration officials stopped Mr. Abu Marzook because his name was on a

The Israeli government last month filed more than 1.000 pages of documents to support its bid for Mr. Abu Marzook's extradition, a bail

Mr. Abu Marzook's lawyer, Stanley Cohen, said the treasury department had granted a license to a committee to raise funds for Mr. Abu Marzook's defence even though his name was on a government list of suspected terrorists.

petition filed late on Monday in federal court before U.S. District Judge Kimba Wood, Mr. Abu Marzook alleges that the most damning information against him came from Muhamad Salah, who was arrested and sentenced to five years in Israel for his

Hamas activity. In a sworn affidavit signed in Israel on Nov. 8, Mr. Salah denies all the statements he is alleged to have made to the Israelis, "particularly as they relate to my knowledge of and relationship with (Abu Marzook),

Mr. Salah said in his affidavit that he was forced to undress, remain naked for hours, struck repeatedly, made to lie on the cold floor and deprived of sleep, and that his family in the United States was threatened with violence unless he confessed "and confirmed the allegations" against Mr. Abu Mar-

In a complaint filed by Israel in July to U.S. author-Mr. Abu Marzook, Mr. Salah, a former Chicago used car salesman and a U.S. citizen, allegedly confessed that Mr. Abu Marzook ordered him to recruit individuals for training in the use of explosives to fight in the "holy war."

#### release from U.S. jail In his writ of habeas corpus

Mousa Abu Marzook, 4, arrested at John F. Kennedy Airport in New York on July 25, alleges that Israel's general security services tortured the prime witness against him in judicial proceedings in Israel, the court documents

list of suspected terrorists. Israel wants him extradited to face trial on charges of com-plicity in 10 "terrorist attacks" carried out by Hamas, a fundamentalist Islamic group opposed to the Middle East peace process,

and for numerous murders.

#### Tripoli to protest against Shaqaqi's murder. Shaqaqi was shot outside a hotel in Malta on Oct. 26 but no arrests have been made since. He was travelling on a Libyan passport under an assumed name. Militant who ambushed tourist trains killed

CAIRO (AFP) - Police have shot dead a militant suspected of attacking tourist trains in south Egypt, the interior ministry announced on Wednesday. Police raided the hideout of Khaled Al Khalawi Abu Qassem late Tuesday in sugarcane fields near Farshut town in the province of Qena, 640 kilometres south of Cairo, the ministry said in a statement. Abu Qassem opened fire on police and was killed in the gunbattle that ensured, the ministry said. He was wanted in connection with two train attacks in the Farshut region in early November in which 14 people were injured, including two foreigners. The militant Gamaa Islamily claimed the two attacks, warning foreign visitors to "go home." in a renewal of a campaign targeting

#### Kuwaiti gas stations struck by hold-ups

KUWAIT CITY (AFP) - A wave of hold-ups at Kuwaiti gasoline stations has promoted a Kuwaiti MP to propose that customers pay with coupons rather than cash. Islamist Deputy Mufarrej Nahar Al Mutairi said Wednesday he had urged parliament to back the "sale of gasoline coupons in supermarkets, like those distributed to civil servants so that people no longer pay in cash. "Gas stations are poorly guarded, and cash registers sometimes contain more than 4,000 dinars (\$12,000) at the end of the day, which encourages criminals to attack them," he said. Cashiers at gas stations have complained about a wave of armed

#### U.S. aircraft carrier, submarine in Gulf region

DUBAI (AFP) - A U.S. aircraft carrier, submarine and guided missile cruiser have entered the Gulf and Red Sea region to reinforce the Fifth Fleet, a U.S. Navy spokesman said Wednesday. The USS America aircraft carrier, USS Oklahoma City submarine and USS Monetary guided missile cruiser sailed into the region on Sunday as part of a "routine, scheduled deployment," the spokesman, Commander T. McCreary, said. He declined to give their exact location. Both the submarine and missile cruiser carry Tomahawk cruise missiles. Their arrival brings to 28 the number of navy ships in the region, including 13 ships carrying tanks and other equipment which were dispatched to the Gulf and Red Sea in August. The ships were carrying the material for more than 20,000 troops sent after Washington said it had detected unusual Iraqi troop movements around Baghdad and wanted to cut the time needed to respond to any threat to Kuwait.

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1989. The party was headed Hassan Al Turabi, believed to be the power behind

Al Bashir's government. again in 1983 to demand The letter echoes a call for more autonomy for Christself-determination that was ians and tribal religionists in north. More than 1.3 million people have died since in conference last June in administration".

of the letter of former Vice President Abel Alier, which suggesting that those who participated had committed calls for giving southern Sudan the right to self-determination, said Mr. treason against Sudan. The government has rejected all calls for succession

by the south. But it has said it willing to exempt non-Muslims from the application of Islamic Sharia law and will consider some autonomy for the southern region.

The newspaper quoted the letter as saying the people of the south should be allowed "their fundamental right" of

selves, treated as "secondclass citizens" and are under social, racial, cultural and religious pressure.

The letter called for a national conference with parcians and rebel leaders at a establish a "transitional

#### S.Arabia criticises politics during Haj

JEDDAH (AP) - In an apparent reference to rival Iran, Saudi Arabia's interior minister criticised Muslims who carry out political activities during the annua! Hajj pilgrimage to Mecca.

"How can anyone turn these grand traditions of a ceremony like this to argue and fight," Prince Nayef, the interior minister, said Tuesday night in Mecca at a conference on the Hajj. "How can the Hajj become an occasion for reaching political

His comments were carried by the official Saudi news

The pilgrimage to Mecca, where the Prophet Mohammad was born, is one of the five main pillars of Islam. Every Muslim who is physically and financially able is expected to make the trip at

Prince Nayef did not specify any nationality.

### Lebanon marks independence day under the shadow of its neighbours

By Sam F. Ghattas Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Lebanon marked 52 years of independence Wednesday, but the tiny nation feels squeezed between its more powerful neighbors. Syria and Israel. For the past decade, Israeli troops have occupied about 10 per cent of Lebanon's territory in a self-declared security zone in South Lebanon, and Israeli warplanes have controlled the skies.

The 40,000 Syrian troops stationed in Lebanon almost match the size of Lebanon's own army, and many Lebanese government decisions are heavily influenced, if not decided, in the Syrian capital of

With bagpipes and French martial music playing, Lebanese troops filed past a reviewing stand Wednesday along one of

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Beirut's main streets, the scene of fighting during the country's 1975-90 civil war.

The government has largely restored law and order over the past five years. The rebuilt army is now 50,000-strong and a multi-billion dollar economic reconstruction campaign is moving ahead. But some commentators

felt there was little to cele-"What are they celebrat-ing? Which independ-

ence?" Al Nahar, a leading Lebanese newspaper, said in a front-page editorial Tuesday. "Is there anything left of independence and its meanings to deserve celebration?" Prime Minister Rafik

Hariri, speaking to Lebanese expatriates Tuesday in Argentina, said independence day would not take on its full meaning until Israeli forces pulled out of south Lebanon and there was a "just and comprehensive peace in the re-

Lebanon insists that Israel withdraw from the south Lebanon border enclave. Israel says it is willing to pull out, but only if its northern areas can be secured against crossborder guerrilla attacks. Lebanon's peace nego-

tiations with Israel have been stalled for over a year. The United States. sponsor of Mideast peace negotiations, and the Israelis have focused their attention on Syria and it is widely believed that Leba-

non will follow Syria's lead. "The developments in the region have proven that there is no peace without peace with Syria and Lebanon," President Elias Hrawi said Tuesday night.

In a thinly veiled criticism of Israel, Mr. Hrawi said. "We are not the ones who are delaying the fulfillment of peace.

Syria's own peace talks

with Israel have made little progress since they began in 1991. The two sides are at odds over future ties and security arrangements on the Golan Heights, which Israel captured from Syria

Syria has emerged as the main power in Lebanon and its role has expanded to involve most important issues. Even the final word on extending Mr. Hrawi's term in office came from Syria last month.

But many Lebanese feel a Syrian military pullout from Lebanon could rekindle the civil war.

"Quite obviously (Lebanese) independence isn't as complete as it should be. Ronald Schleicher, the top U.S. diplomat in Lebanon said Wednesday at the presidential palace. "We hope that with the peace process. Lebanon will be able to achieve its full independence and sovereignty."

#### Iran hangs businessman for bank embezzlement

NICOSIA (R) — Iran on Wednesday hanged a businessman convicted of bank embezzlement, the official IRNA news agency said.

Fazel Khodadad was sentenced to death in August on charges involving embezzle-ment of about 65 billion rials (\$21.7 million at the official rate) from state-run Bank

IRNA said on Wednesday the sum was 1,230 billion (\$410 million). It gave no explanation for the discre-

Khodadad was hanged at Tehran's Evin prison before dawn, the agency said.

Death sentences for economic offences are rare in Iran. Khodadad was sentenced under Islamic laws allowing capital punishment for "sabotaging the country's economic system," said a copy of

the ruling. Khodadad was ordered to

pay about 104 billion rials (\$34.7 million) in fines and damages. He was also ordered to be flogged 50 times for using drugs and a further 99 times for an illegal sexual liaison with a woman involving "touching, kissing and lying next to each other.

IRNA said the supreme court had confirmed the verdicts against Khodadad and other convicts in the case. Morteza Rafiqdoust and bank employee Abutaleb Ebrahimi were sentenced to

ordered to pay fines. IRNA said Ebrahim Arya and Jamshid Arghand were sentenced to 10 years imprisonment.

life imprisonment and

Three others - Sayyed Mohammad Sa'eed Majidi Tehrani, Rabim Bakhtiari and Khosrow Vasedi - were ordered to pay heavy fines, it added, giving no details.

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#### WEATHER

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escape poor living conditions, a newspaper said on Wednesday. "The infiltrators said during interrogation they escaped from Iraq due to a lack of security and deterioration in living conditions," Al ANBA newspaper said. ANBA said the two attempted to cross the border of the lack of the border of the lack of the border of the lack of the lac

foot. It had no further details, interior ministry officials could not immediately be reached for comment. There has

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been an upsurge in Iraqis arriving in Kuwait since two senior Iraqi officials defected to Jordan in August. Border posts have been closed since the 1991 Gulf war which ended a seven-month Iraqi occupation of Kuwait but Iraqis have crossed over regularly since the war to smuggle

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Doctors stressed that cur-

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of the patient, but if some-

thing goes wrong, we are

treated under the criminal

code, not the malpractice

code," Ghassan Farah, of

the Faculty of Medicine at

the University of Jordan

It is the proper time, said

Jamal Masad, assistant pro-

fessor at the same faculty,

to establish a medical body

lawyers, judges as well as doctors," Dr. Masad added.

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stantial evidence," he said.

said Jordanian citizens are

unaware of their rights in

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Pharmacist Imad Malhas

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told the Jordan Times.

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Dr. Cannon, who was

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about Jordan's industries and the investment climate in the Kingdom, according to Mr. Salem.

Bulgarian businessmen study

investment opportunities in Jordan

Mr. Salem called on Jordanian merchants and businessmen to increase their trade with Bulgaria and exchange visits with Bulgarian businessmen in order to further increase Jordanian exports to Bulgarian markets.

He said Jordanian goods, particularly agricultural products, and light industrial products like biscuits. tissue paper and pharmacenticals have a potential market in Bulgaria.

What is impeding the expansion of trade at present. Mr. Salem said, is the lack of trade and economic agreements between Jordan and Bulgaria. He said such agreements were of paramount importance to increase trade.

According to Mr. Salem Jordan has been selling Bulgaria phosphate and potash but these exports are worth \$8 million annually compared to Bulgarian exports to Jordan which are worth \$30 million annually.

The 618 members who constitute the Arab-Bulgarian friendship society are prominent officials and executives of major firms in Bulgaria, according to

## Minister inaugurates two water projects

Government embarks on JD 200m plan to replace old water networks

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of Water and Irrigation Saleh Irsheidat on Wednesday inaugurated a JD 1,147,394 water pipeline project in Al Muwaqqar southcast Amman.

The project, to be completed within 180 days, aims to supply the villages of Maghayer Al Muhanna, Nuqaira, Buweidha, Um Butma, Duheiba, Khatimiyeh and Faisaliyah with a total of 3,600 cubic metres of water a day.

Minister of State Jamal Khreisheh, who was present at the ceremony, said the project was launched at directives by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, to tackle the problem of scarcity of water in the area, inhabited

by about 60,000 people. Mr. Khreisheh said preliminary studies, which were prepared by the Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ), showed that the project will resolve this problem in a record time.

Dr. Irsheidat later inaugurated a similar project

Sahab Industrial City.

The government, he said, has started an ambitious national plan aimed at changing old water networks which waste about 50 per cent of the water pumped through them.

worth JD 646,000 to extend a water pipeline from Al Juweideh Bridge to Al Faisaliyah Bridge.

The 8.5-kilometre pipeline will provide water to

About 1,000 cubic metres of water will be pumped daily through the pipeline to new factories established recently at the city as well as areas its passes through, including a grain sile and two villages with a population of 80,000.

Following the two ceremonies, held in observance of His Majesty King Hussein's 60th birthday, Dr. Irsheidat said in a statement the government was keen to provide tap water to all of the Kingdom's populated areas and to resolve chronic problems in areas suffering water shortages.

He said the project, which is expected to cost JD 200



Water and Irrigation Minister Saleh Irsheidat Wednesday inaugurates a water project south of Amman (Petra photo)

million, includes plans to replace the main feeding networks in Irbid, Ramtha,

Mafrag, Salt and Amman. According to the trainister, two main stages of the project in Amman were completed.

"We will continue the other stages as soon as possible since this project takes high priority," Dr. Irsheidat

The minister said contacts international started recently to find funding for a pipeline project to pump water from Al-

Disi basin, in south Jordan. Several foreign companies visited Jordan to get familiarised with the details of the project, said Dr. Irsheidat, who added that tenders for the project will

be invited as soon as an company completes feasibility stud-

He added that designs to build dams in Al Tannour, Mujib and Wala areas were ready, noting that there is European readiness to construct the dams through providing soft loans at "very encouraging interest

He said the main problem facing the ministry in resolving the problem of water shortage in some areas was the high cost of water pipelines as well as the poor quality of underground water in some of the Kingdom's regions.

The minister stressed that Jordan "has gained the lion's share of the Yarmouk River water" under the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty signed October 1994, noting that Jordan will obtain 90 million cubic metres of the river's water annually.

Dr. Irsheidat said several European countries have also expressed readiness to finance a \$70-80 million water pipeline project between Al Adassiyeh and Deir Alla in the Jordan Valley by offering soft loans. Technical studies on the project are now in their final phase, he said, adding that tenders for the project will be announced as soon as these studies are fin-

### Industrial bank doubles profits this year

AMMAN (Petra) — The first nine months of 1995 brought in a profit of JD 4.2 million to the Industrial Development Bank (IDB), double the amount made in the same period of 1994, according to Bank Director General Rajab Sa'ad Wednesday.

The gross revenues of the bank between January and end of September this year amounted to JD 5.7 million compared to JD 3.7 million in the first nine months of last year, Mr. Sa'ad said. He attributed the increase to the bank's policy of reducing administrative expenses, which this year amounted to JD 1.4 million, down from JD

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### 63-year-old rapist receives death sentence

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - The Criminal Court Wednesday sentenced Sabri Abdullah Abu Foudeh, 63, to death for molesting and raping a 10-year-old girl from Jabal Nadif in his shop in April.

In addition, the convict received five additional years of imprisonment with hard labour after being found guilty of molesting the child "100 times" and was ordered by the court to pay JD 25,000 in compensation to the victim's family.

Abu Foudeh, who pleaded not guilty, bowed his head when hearing the verdict, but seemed impassive as he was escorted outside the courtroom by security officers.

According to court documents, the main evidence used against Abu Foudeh was his own confession in front of the prosecutor general that on the afternoon of April 29 he asked Basma Bakr, who was returning home from school to enter his shop, took her behind the counter, molested and then raped her.

The girl, an Egyptian national, was threatened with death by Abu Foudeh if she told anyone what happened, the court documents said.

The child, who had been molested by Abu Foudeh for over a period of four months, told her family who had noticed that something was wrong with their daughter, according to the doc-In his testimony to police, Abu Foudeh first

denied that he had raped the girl or that he even knew her. But later he confessed in front of the prosecutor general to molesting and raping the

Other evidence used in the case was a 10year-old child, a friend of Basma's, who told the court that she saw Basma in Abu Foudeh's shop shortly before the incident.

Other prosecutor witnesses in the case included, other than the child, her parents and the forensic doctor who examined the girl after the

rape.

The prosecutor general had sought the maximum penalty. The verdict will automatically be reviewed by the Court of Cassation in the next

### Court dismisses lawsuit against peace treaty

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Supreme Court Wednesday dis-

missed a case filed by two women in March against the government and parliament charging that the peace treaty with Israel is unconstitutional and violates their rights. Presiding Judge Khleif

Zuheimat ruled that the

issue was beyond its jurisdiction and decided to dismiss the case.

"My feeling is like any attorney who accepts a court order. I think it was fair as long as the court ruled that the case was not within its jurisdiction," Muheeba Haddadin, an attorney told the Jordan Times Wednesday.

Ms. Haddadin and her mother Fadda, last March

demanded the annulment of the treaty, and also alleged that the Oct. 26 treaty violates Arab and Palestinian rights and will lead to ethnic and réligious wars in the

During the opening session, a government lawyer, Fuad Abu Zeinah, declared that the lawsuit had no legal base and challenged the Supreme Court's jurisdiction to hear the case.

He argued that the treaty was ratified by parliament and was thus constitutional. The lawsuit argues that the treaty is unconstitutional because it concedes Arab

part of the Arab Nation, and the people who signed the document are not autho-

rised to concede Arab land. This is a clear violation of Arab and Palestinian rights and overstepping of author-

land in Palestine, which is

ity, Ms. Haddadin, an attorney said.

The lawsuit contends that the peace accord distorts historical facts because Jews never had a nation in Palestine ever in history, and recognising such a right for them now contradicts and distorts history.

#### Meeting calls for increased Arab food production

AMMAN (Petra) — The Executive Board of the Arab Organisation of Agri-Development Wednesday wrapped up a two-day meeting in Amman by calling on Arab financial institutions and funds to increase their lending to Arab countries in order to boost their efforts to

increase food production. In a statement at the final session, the seven-member board also approved the programmes of the Latakiabased Arab Institute for Forests and Pasture Lands,

Thursday at 5.00 p.m.

Thursday at 5.30 p.m.

endorsed a number of joint studies with African countries and backed the AOAD's proposed activities for the next three years. According to the state-

ment, these activities include programmes for protecting the environment. developing natural and human resources and giving impetus to projects aimed at ensuring food security in the Arab world. Delegates represented Jordan, Bahrain, Algeria, Morocco, Sudan, the United Arab Emirates and Dji-

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"The Ruling Crisi during the Abdul Karim Qasim era" in

Arabic by Dr. Mohammad Al Zubaidi at Abdul Hameed

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Recital of poems by Amal Al Jbouri of Iraq at Abdul Hameed

Shoman Foundation, Jabal Amman, on Thursday at 6.00 p.m.

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(accompanied by music from Munir Bashir).

Annual fall exhibition "Khawater" at the Jordan River Designs, (Tel. 613081/2) until Dec. 1. "Pakistani Women of Substance in paintings and photographs at the National Gallery of Fine Arts, Jebel Weibdeh.

### New Zealand and Australia condemn French nuclear test

Foreign

WELLINGTON (R) — New Zealand and Australia, and significantly devalued angry over France's continued nuclear testing in the South Pacific, Wednesday condemned the most recent test and rebuked Paris for defying international pro-

"It is utterly disappointing and extremely frustrating that France, in the face of so much international opposition, should persist with these tests. We deplore this latest blast," New Zealand Foreign Minister Don McKinnon said.

Mr. McKinnon summoned French Ambassador Jacques Le Blanc to a meeting immediately upon hearing news of the test Tuesday, the fourth in the series.

"I have delivered a short and sharp message to Ambassador Le Blanc. France is being left in absolutely no doubt about the strength of New Zealand feeling at its actions," Mr. McKinnon told reporters after the meeting.

Mr. Le Blanc declined to comment on the meeting and was ushered through a side door to avoid waiting reporters.

Australian Prime Minister Paul Keating, who has announced a campaign to rid the world of nuclear weapons, said he was appalled at the latest blast.

p.m. Paris time (2130 The New Zealand Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences said the explosion measured 15 kilotonnes, equal to 15.000

al thinking on nuclear issues

its international creden-

tials," Mr. Keating said in a

Minister Gareth Evans, in

what he described as a stern

40-minute meeting with

Ambassador Dominique

Girard, urged France to

abandon its test programme

and close its South Pacific

"I told him that the test

programme was continuing

in contemptuous disregard

of what was clearly the

overwhelming opposition of the international communi-

the underground blast,

equivalent to less than

40,000 tonnes of conven-

tional explosives, was deto-

nated at the munitoa atoll in

French Polynesia at 10.30

A French statement said

Mr. Evans said.

nuclear test facilities.

Australian

Paris said the blast was aimed at developing the capacity to simulate tests on

tonnes of ordinary explo-

President Jacques Chirac has said France will cut the number of tests to six from a treaty banning tests forever once the series is complet-

ed, by May 31 at the latest. The environmental group Greenpeace said the fourth test was a slap in the face for the Commonwealth and the United Nations.

"The majority Commonwealth and United Nations members have shown a united voice against continued nuclear testing," Greenpeace spokesman Michael Szabo said in a statement.

"Instead of listening to the opinion of the international community, the French president, Jacques Chirac, has responded by slapping them in the face."

South Pacific regional leaders, including Japan's Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama noted that President Chirac was flying in the face of a U.N. General Assembly resolution last week opposing testing.

We want France to stop. France should stop," Mr. Murayama told reporters in Tokyo.

In Rome Wednesday, supporters of the environmental organisation Greenpeace demonstrated on the Franco-Italian border and in Brussels, the Belgian Foreign Ministry expressed "great regret" at the fourth

week: "Obviously it's not a satisfying situation when France does not want to cooperate with other countries at the highest level. The solution is to stop nuclear testing."

In Copenhagen, Foreign Minister Niels Helveg Petersen said Wednesday that Denmark "deplored" the new test and in Vienna. Austrian Environment Minister Martin Bertenstein said it was "very disappointing" and "totally incomprehensible" of France to continue with the programme.

In Fiji the South Pacific Forum, which represents 15 of the nations closest to the Mururoa atoll nuclear test site, expressed "extreme outrage" at the latest blast. Forum Secretary General Ieremia Tabai said: "It is my hope that France note that our continuing anger over nuclear testing is justified."

In Papeete, capital of French Polynesia, the head of the local Evangelical Church, Jacques Ihorai, said: "Once again the strong. France, dominates the weak, Polynesia, and the latter is forced to accept a nuclear policy it deplores."

Security was stepped up in the French Polynesian capital following the blast. The first test sparked off fierce rioting in Papeete by become king. Nicholas Soames, a close

friend of Prince Charles, dismissed the interview, saying Princess Diana was "showing advanced stages of paranoia" but most Britons seemed to disagree.

Daily Mirror said 37,000 readers had telephoned to give their views and a stag-

Another phone-in survey attracted 15,000 callers, with 83 per cent saying the interview raised their opinion of the 34-year-old

"By the end, I was left feeling I had listened to a very strong, loving woman give a very honest account of a very painful period of her life. I admire her." a

sionate monarch we all want," said another.

Newspapers billed the candid revelations of the beautiful blonde princess as the biggest crisis to hit the monarchy since Edward VIII abdicated the throne in 1936 for American divorcee

ried 14 years ago. With a peak audience of 23 million in Britain, an 83 per cent share of viewers, and 10 times that number internationally, Princess Diana's superstar status

the news around the globe. ered the first small victory in her quest to be "an

Even her critics who

ularity. acting job. But it will put her back into the hearts of the British people," biograKhasbulatov to join race

President Boris Yeltsin's old foe Ruslan Khasbulatov has been nominated as a candidate for leader of the breakaway southern region of Chechenya.

chen separatists have vowed to disrupt, is set for Dec. 17, the same day as a vote for seats in Russia's state Duma lower chamber of parliament. Registration of candi-

stand against him. His candidacy

announced by his party in Chechenya - the People's Union for the Revival of the Republic, TASS said.

Grozny was rocked early Wednesday morning by a powerful bomb blast and another bomb was dismantled. Interfax News Agency said. But it was not clear who was responsible or if there was any link to the elections.

The blast took place in the same area as a bomb attack Monday against Moscow-backed Chechen government head Doku Zavgayev, who was due to discuss the Chechen elections with Mr. Yeltsin

was set last weekend.

Kremlin. Moscow sees him as a potentially useful counterweight to Dzhokhar Dudayev, who unilaterally declared chechnya independent in 1991. Dudayev has been leading resistance to Russian troops that moved against him almost a year ago and eventually forced him to retreat to the

Thousands of people have been killed in the conflict and casualty figures have been creeping up daily despite a loose ceasefire reached in June.

been trying to get the peace process back on track in professor, could play a role

breakaway Chechnya. "I think we should not write off Khasbulatov," Mr. Yeltsin said. "He has a certain standing in Chechenya. Why should we always remember the past?"

in a peaceful settlement in

Mr. Khasbulatov was a strong Yeltsin supporter and replaced him as head of parliament in 1991. But the two men became bitter enemies in a power struggle which culminated in

Vice-President Alexander Rutskoi led a revolt which was put down by tanks. The rebellion leaders were arrested but were freed four months later under an amnesty by the new parliament.

**Natalie Cole files** for divorce

LOS ANGELES (R) -Natalie Cole, the awardwinning rhythm and blues singer and daughter of Nat "King" Cole, filed for divorce Tuesday and sought a restraining order against her husband, Andre Fischer. The petition, filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court, cited irrecdifferences. oncilable Cole's publicist was not available for further comment. Cole made her debut in 1975 as a blues vocalist; and went to the top of the pop charts with a single from her Inseparable album. She spent most of the 1980s in obscurity before making a comeback in 1991 with the groundbreaking Unforgettable, which used recordings of her late father's voice to father-daughter create duets of his greatest hits. The technique was recently used by the Beatles to reunite the three surviving members in a recording

#### nearly free pay TV

BELIING (R) — China is launching what should be the world's cheapest pay television channels costing just one yuan (\$0.12) a month for residents of poor, remote areas and three yuan (\$0.36) for those in rich regions. China central television on Nov. 30 will start test broadcasts on four new subscriber channels using newly acquiréd satellite technology with encrypted signals, China Daily said. One of the new pay channels will broadcast eight Chinese and foreign movies daily, while the culture and arts channel will feature music, cartoons, dubbed films and television series. China has more than 900 million television viewers.

#### China offers volleyball, beer to lure tourists

BEIJING (R) — 'China expects record tourism revenues in 1995 and is offering beach volleyball and beer festivals to attract more visitors, a top tourism official said. In 1995 foreign tourists are expected to spend \$8 billion in China and domestic tourists 110 billion yuan (\$13.25 billion), the China News Service quoted Liu Yi. director of the National Tourism Bureau, as saying. To keep up the momentum, China will organise a series of events next year, including beach volleyball in southern Beihai, a beer festival in eastern Qingdao and yachting, fishing, dragon boat and water sports festivals in various

#### rise in China

BEIЛING (AFP)

Prostitution is rapidly growing and becoming more organised in China despite attempts to curb the phenomenon, the Public Security Ministry said Monday. "The problem is worsening day by day" cases of prostitution and the number of prostitutes are increasing" the public security news reported. Of the 300,000 prostitutes arrested in 1994, half worked from a fixed place, the report said. Chinese triads and foreign gangs, which control gambling and drug- trafficking, are increasingly involved in the sex industry, the ministry's official daily reported. Some police and Communist Party cadres are also involved and the rise in prostitution has led. to an increase in venereal diseases and AIDS cases, the ministry said. This year the Public Security Ministry launched a nationwide campaign against prostitution. Between July and September in Beijing. 1.170 prostitutes and clients were arrested and

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Australia boosts arms spending, looks north

CANBERRA (R) - Aus- said. "To the south you get tralia would increase defence spending to the end of tica." the century while moving Ray said Wednesday.

With countries increasingly unable to produce all their own weapons and neighbours, including Indonesia, in joint production, Mr. Ray told the National Press Club in Canberra.

"Within a decade...there'll be quite substantial equipment co-operation across the region," Mr. Ray said.

"What's happened in Europe is that no country can basically afford to produce all its own defence equipment anymore. There is a potentiality in this region for us to do joint approaches."

Despite concerns in Asia, including among some groups in neighbouring Indonesia, Mr. Ray said Australia would continue concentrating its defences in the north of the country. But he denied paranoia about an Asian invasion.

The nearest country to our west is where? Mozambique...Our friend New Zealand is to our east, the penguins and Antarc-

"Therefore, the one area into joint arms production Australia can and is likely with its Asian neighbours, to be attacked is from the Defence Minister Robert north. Therefore, that's where you put your defensive network," Mr. Ray

"But that doesn't necesdefence equipment because sarily mean your nearest or of high costs, Australia next nearest neighbour is would have to join its the threat. More likely, they ered next year as part of the could be your ally in repelling any potential threat. It doesn't reflect paranoia. It reflects geo-

strategic circumstances." Mr. Ray said Australia would boost real defence spending to the turn of the century, mainly to keep personnel and expertise in the face of growing competition

from the private sectors. There will be a modest increase (in spending)...One to two per cent in real terms towards the end of the decade," he said.

He did not give a figure. But the government's 1995/96 budget estimates forecast defence spending of 9.99 billion Australian dollars (\$7.5 billion), rising to 10.86 billion Australian dollars (\$8.1 billion) in

From next year, Australia is introducing a five-year defence spending plan, givand removing short-term political pressures, Mr. Ray

Although Australia's relatively advanced equipment levels were already sufficient. Mr. Ray said he would like an extra two locally-built Collins class submarines, beyond the six

The possible submarine purchase would be considnew five-year budget strategy, he said.

Mr. Ray, who said a successful defence industry was vital to Australia's strategic interests, said he had been pushing for regional co-operation in military production for several vears.

"We'll inevitably go that way, because of the economies of scale, for a desire of inter-operability of equipment...rather buying it off the shelf from the United States or

Europe...." he said. Mr. Ray said the territorial row over the Spratlys, a potentially oil-rich island chain claimed by some of Asia's leading military powers, poses a major threat

to regional security.
"It is, apart from the Korean peninsula, the most volatile and risky security situation that exists in our possible discovery of oil." he said. "The best thing for the world would be that there be no oil."

National Press Club.

"It exists because of the

potential, I suspect, not only

of national pride, but the

The Spratlys, a group of mostly barren isles and partly submerged reefs, straddles strategic sea lanes in the South China Sea. Brunei, China, Malaysia the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam claim all or some

of the group. Mr. Ray said a series of informal workshops hosted by Indonesia over the past few years were constructive in heading off conflict in the

Spratlys. "I think the Indonesian mediation, setting up the workshops, is a very constructive step," he said.

Earlier this year, Beijing Manila became and embroiled in a military stand-off and diplomatic row over rival claims in the Spratiys.

Chinese and Vietnamese warships clashed in the Spratlys in the late 1980s.

Mr. Ray would not give an assessment of China's military threat over the Spratlys. but said it would be hard for the other claimants to accept Beijing's claim.

#### and then you get Chile," he ing it a long-term approach region," Mr. Ray told the Bangladesh to hold parliamentary by-elections on Dec. 15

DHAKA (R) — Bangla- March 1996. desh's Election Commis- Mrs. Kha by-elections on Dec. 15 to fill seats vacated after opposition legislators who resigned a year ago to press for early general elections.

"Elections in 145 vacated seats will be held on Dec. 15," the commission said in a statement. Nominations will have to

be submitted on Nov. 24 and the last date for withdrawal of nominations will be Nov. 29, the commission

The move came despite warnings by opposition parties that they would not take part in any elections under the government of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia, which they accused of rigging an earlier by-election and of sweeping corruption.

The opposition says no elections with Mrs. Khaleda in power will be free and fair. They want her to step down and allow elections supervised by a neutral caretaker administration.

Mrs. Khaleda bas rejected the demands as unconstitutional. The next general election is not due before giving up power first."

Mrs. Khaleda Tuesday sion Wednesday announced offered to set up an interim national government to stage the next election in the hope of ending the country's long-running political

> "Let us form an interim national government for the period of national elections. The opposition can cooperate in the formation of this government by contesting the upcoming by-elections, she said in a statement.

> "If the opposition does not agree to go for the by-elections even in the interest of a compromise, I will advise the president to dissolve parliament."

The opposition Wednesday rejected Mrs. Khaleda's

"This is only a ruse and nothing but a cunning move to buy time and fool the people," said Mohammad Nasim, a senior leader of the main opposition party. the Awami League.

We have said time and again that opposition will not take part in any elections under Mrs. Khaleda Zia. She must create an atmosphere for elections by

Political analysts said announcing the by-election schedules might make the political situation more volatile.

"It will provoke opposition to sharpen their arsenal against Mrs. Khaleda's government," one analyst told Reuters.

Sheikh Hasina, chief of the Awami League, said Wednesday the opposition was planning to revive its campaign of strikes, blockades and shutdowns unless Mrs. Khaleda conceded to

its demands. \*We relaxed our programmes after a successful six-day strike that ended on Nov. 16 to allow the schools to finish with annual examinations," she said.

"But the way the government is dealing with crucial issues, I am afraid we will be compelled to call for a total shutdown of road, rails and air traffic and stage a sit-in outside the prime minister's office and go for other non-stop programmes.

"Such programmes could start from Dec. 7 and will last until Khaleda is forced from power," Mrs. Hasima

Mr. Nasim said Mrs.

Hasina would work out her new strategies in consultation with her allies - the Jatiya Party and Jamaat-E-Islami - before she revealed her plans at a rally Friday.

Meanwhile a leader of the Jatiya Party said Wednesday the wife of Bangladesh's jailed ex-President Hossain Mohammad Ershad will press on with a six-day hunger strike demanding better medical care for her ill husband.

the hunger fast," he said. Begum Roushan Ershad and three other family members began a fast Thursday to pressure the government to move Mr. Ershad to a hospital from prison for treatment of acute

jaundice. "She told us and her doctors that she would rather die than see her husband die from lack of care," the leader said.

The Jatiya Party has called an eight-hour strike in Dhaka Saturday in protest at "indifference to Ershad's inhuman sufferings due to deliberate denial of his fundamental rights".

cannot be denied.

"She has refused to end

ambassador for Britain". and this woman in that sense is going to be difficult for the palace," said psychaitrist Anthony Clare, assessing Princess Diana's performance.

thought the interview was a calculated bit of stage acting admitted that her bold move will increase her pop-

Princess Diana talks to BBC's Panorama presenter Martin Bashir in an exclusive interview (AFP photo)

#### **Princess Diana's** gamble pays off LONDON (R) - Princess ed the courtiers who once

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Monday night she is articu-

late, ruthless, tenacious and

a fine actress," columnist

Lynda Lee-Potter wrote in

Meanwhile Argentina will.

provide the stage Thursday

for Princess Diana's chosen

sador" for Britain, but many

with her confessions of

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Princess Diana arrives in

Buenos Aires Thursday for

a programme of visits to

The 34-year-old princess

is making her debut as

envoy in a country that still

bears the scars of the 1982

Falklands War. Most of the

1,000 servicemen killed in

the 10-week war were

Argentine and the country

still campaigns for sover-

Argentine officials, aware

of the sensitivity of her visit

when the two former foes

have just signed a Falklands

oil deal, have kept up a dis-

creet silence about Princess

Diana and her account of

her side of the royal mar-

The local press was less

"I was unfaithful, Lady Di

admits," read Clarin's cover

with a photo of her at a

charity dinner. La Nacion

called her "a blend of

Mother Teresa, Audrey

Her visit reinforces one

British paper's comparison

with Eva Peron, wife of

Juan Peron, the populist

Argentine president from

"Eva Peron achieved

widespread popular support

through her work on social

welfare, and received far

more public affection than

her husband," wrote The

European newspaper last

Peronist President Carlos

Menem, who reveres the

memory of Evita, is due to

lunch with Princess Diana

Friday. His own life is full

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divorce and a son born out

Argentines lobby for an

invitation to a lunch with

Princess Diana or a charity

dinner Friday, others voice

disapproval of her behav-

iour and the television

girl, but we don't like those

declarations of hers saying

she cheated on her hus-

band," said Lita De Lazzari.

head of the League of

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The Housewives' leader

was not alone in criticising

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Hebe De Bonafini, leader

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dismissed her as a shallow Diana's high-risk gamble to bare her soul to tens of millions of television viewers appears to have paid off as media phone-in polls showed overwhelming support for her.

In a painfully frank interview the demute mother of two told of the pain of her failed marriage to Prince new career as "ambas-Charles, her knowledge of his adultery with Camilla Parker-Bowles and her own Argentines are unimpressed affair with handsome army officer James Hewitt who betrayed her with a kissand-tell book.

She also spoke of a smear campaign against her and cast doubt on her estranged husband's suitability to

The mass-circulation

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princess.

woman caller told another tabloid newspaper, the Sun. "Diana would provide the country with the compas-

Wallis Simpson. The damage to the monarchy remains to be seen but if Princess Diana proved anything with her assured performance Monday it was that she is a force to be reckoned with and certainly not the shy, retiring young woman Prince Charles mar-

Her sensational confessions of bulimic binges, self-inflicted wounding and bouts of depression topped Buckingham Palace, quick to limit any further damage, offered to hold talks with Princess Diana to discusss her future role. That alone could be consid-

"This is a cool woman. This is certainly no bimbo

"It was a performance: An

pher Penny Junor said. "It was a consumate performance which confound-

Chechenya election MOSCOW (R) — Russian

ITAR-TASS news agency said Wednesday.
The election, which Che-

dates was expected to start Wednesday. It was not clear if Mr. Khasbulatov's name had been formally submitted to the Electoral Commission or who would

The regional capital

Interfax said one person was wounded and another suffered shell-shock.

Wednesday. Mr. Khasbulatov's party had favoured holding regional elections in March 1996 because of the current unstable situation. But the Dec. 17 date for the polls

Mr. Khasbulatov, an ethnic Chechen who chaired the former Russian parliament which confronted Mr. Yeltsin in October 1993. enjoys significant support in Chechenya as a politician who is no friend of the

mountains

TASS quoted the regional Russian Military Press Service as saying 10 Chechen fighters were killed southwest of Grozny Tuesday night. Mr. Khasbulatov has

recent weeks after a series of bomb attacks, including one which almost killed Russia's top military commander in the region, General Anatoly Romanov. Mr. Yeltsin told a Kremlin news conference in September that Mr. Khasbulatov, a sharptongued former economics

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ers in a recipied LONDON — Prince Charles showed no sign of any strains that may have been caused by his wife's tell-all inter-

view as he joked and mingled with the stars of new James Bond movie Goldeneye at the royal premiere here Tuesday, Looking relaxed and cheerful, the prince chatted for several minutes with the film's star, Pierce Brosnan, and his 12-year-old son Sean, who Brosnan explained was a budding musician who played the guitar. "At least it's ant drums," Prince Charles said. "No, we've gone through that phase," Brosnan said. "So has mine, if you know what I mean," the prince replied to laughter. The photograph shows Brosnan and Isabella Scorupco (left) with the BMW Z3 roadster in the movie Goldeneye (AFP photo)

Charles attends premiere of new James Bond movie

### NLD might boycott Burma convention - Suu Kyi

emments.

Opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi issued a challenge Wednesday to Bur-ma's military junta, warning that her National League for Democracy (NLD) might boycott next week's National Convention.

Speaking to reporters at the lakeside home where she spent almost six years under house arrest, Aung San Sou Kyi said that the main opposition NLD was ready for dialogue but would not accept the convention as it stood.

We continue to keep the door open for dialogue and discussion, but the convention in its present form ... is totally unacceptable to the vast majority of the people of Burma," she said.

The remarks by Aung San Suu Kyi - reinstated as NLD general secretary in October in a party reshuffle the government rejected were her most direct and her release from house seized power in a bloody. Burmese people,

arrest in July.
Mrs. Suu Kyi said the current set-up of the convention, which reconvenes Tuesday after a sevenmonth break, precluded achieving its professed aim of allowing elected officials to draw up a constitution democratically. The National Convention

in its present state cannot assist in achieving national reconciliation, a genuine multi-party democracy or a state constitution," she said. The convention is to draw

up a new constitution for Burms, after which the military junta has said it would hand over power to a civilian government.

But Mrs. Suu Kyi said that the NLD had only been allotted some 15 per cent of the seats at the convention, despite having overwhelmingly won national elections

The results of the 1990 election were ignored by the critical about the junta since military junta, which had

crackdown on a pro-democracy movement the previous year. The military insists on a guiding role in future gov-

Mrs. Suu Kyi said the NLD's presence at the Convention National depended on moves by the junta for dialogue with the NLD, for which she said the opposition had left "an open

"We have to discuss what changes need to be made before the convention is acceptable to the NLD," she said. "We will take whatever changes need to be made," she added.

Asked if the NLD would boycoit the convention, Mrs. Sun Kyi said that the party had not yet made a final decision, but added that this did not mean "we will not make the decision if we think it is right."

She said that since the NLD had the mandate of the

"A constitution not supported by the people is just a

piece of paper," she said. The National Convention "was not democratic and the basic principles for the proposed constitution include some which are not (in line) with a truly democratic state," she said.

One of the bills the convention is expected to pass would ban individuals married to foreigners from becoming prime minister, a measure apparently aimed at Mrs. Suu Kyı, who is married to a British citizen. Mrs. Suu Kyi, who led

pro-democracy demonstrations until confined under house arrest in July 1989, said relations between the junta and the opposition should improve. "I think we can only get

closer," she said. "I think the NLD and SLORC (State Law and order Restoration Council: The junta's official people, the party's voice name) are so far apart, there represented the will of the is no way they could get any farther apart."

### Japanese F-15 shot down in training mishap

Air Force F-15 fighter was accidentally shot down by another F-15 Wednesday during training and the Defence Ministry ordered all fighters to stop using the type of air-to-air missile

The pilot of the destroyed single-seat F-15 fighter, the mainstay of Japan's air

force, escaped unharmed. Defence Ministry officials said a heat-seeking missile. an AIM-91 Sidewinder, was fired by an F-15 and hit the plane in front of it during dogfight manocuvres over

the Sea of Japan. The two aircraft had taken off from Komatsu Air Base, on the Sea of Japan coast about 300 kilometres west of Tokyo, and were conducting routine training off Note peninsula, about 160 kilometres northeast of the

impact. The pilot, Lieutenant Tatsumi Higuchi, 30, ejected and parachuted down to the sea. He was plucked out of the water by a passing fishing boat. Lt. Higuchi was then picked up

by an air force rescue heli-

The other F-15 landed at Komatsu Air Base soon after the incident, Its pilot, a 29-year-old second lieutenant, was being questioned but his name was

withheld. Ministry officials said he did not know how the missile went off and could not say what caused the acci-

"The master arm switch was on the 'safe' position inside the cockpit of the aircraft that fired the missile, and the ministry does not know what happened. An investigation will be con-

ducted immediately," the ministry said in a statement. The F-15 that fired the missile was armed with two

AIM-9ls. Training is normally conducted with only mock missiles, but the aircraft in question was armed because it had just been on scramble alert, to be used by stand-by crew in case of an intrusion into Japanese air-

The AIM-91 missile, an advanced version of the U.S.-designed Sidewinder heat-seeking missile, is produced in Japan under licence. It is the most common air-to-air weapon in the Japanese and many other air forces around the

world. Defence Ministry officials said there have been four accidental missile firings on the ground in the past, but none in the air. In September 1986, an F-

tally fired an AIM-91 which exploded inside Hyakuri Air Base, north of Tokyo. Faulty wiring caused a short circuit and fired the missile when the pilot started his engine.

The F-15, designed by McDonnell Douglas and built under licence by Mitsubishi Industries, is the mainstay fighter in Japan's air force. At about 13 billion yen (\$130 million), it is one of the most expensive fighters

Only Israel, Saudi Arabia and Japan have F-15 fight-

The Japanese Air Force has some 190 F-15s in frontline service. In addition, the force has 74 Mitsubishi F-1 fighterbombers and 110 ageing F-4 Phantom fighters.

#### S. Korean ruling party to begin political reform

SEOUL (R) — South Korea's ruling party said Wednesday it would change its name to improve its image minted by a slush fund scandal involving ex-President Roh Tac-Woo.

President Kim Young-Sam's Democratic Liberal Party said in a statement it wanted to "wipe out evil political legacies from the past and be reborn in a new

The change of our party's name will be the first step towards legal and institutional reforms," it said. "We want to sever close politics-business links and realise clean politics."

The party was created in January 1990 through a merger of the then ruling Democratic Justice Party led by Mr. Roh and two opposition groups — one headed by Kim Young-Sum who later won the presiden-

tial election in 1992. Ruling party Board

Chairman Kim Yoon-Hwan later told reporters there would be no immediate reshuffle in the party's leadership. He gave no further details.

Mr. Roh. 62, who quit the ruling party shortly before his five-year term ended in February 1993, was arrested and detained last Thursday for taking more than \$300 million from 30 conglomer-

Analysis have said Mr. Roh's arrest signals the start sweeping political reforms in the country and a crackdown on money polities that has long disgusted ordinary Koreans. Last month Mr. Roh con-

fessed he amassed \$654 million during his term and still kept \$242 million in his secret coffers. Earlier Wednesday state

television and newspapers. all quoting state prosecutors, said Hyundai Group and Samsung Group, the country's two biggest conglomerates, each handed 25 billion won (\$32,5 million) to Mr. Roh while in office. They also reported LG

group, one of the four largest groups, gave him 21 billion won (\$27.3 million). Of the four groups men-

tioned, prosecutors have so far publicly named only Daewoo group Chairman Kim Woo-Choong for giving up to 24 billion won (\$31.2 million) to Mr. Roh in return for a submarine base construction contract and other projects.

Prosecutors have so far grilled about 40 heads or senior executives of the country's leading conglomerates, including the top four groups, to find out if they offered Mr. Roh bribes in return for lucrative contracts while he was presi-

dent. Prosecutors also gave details of money which they said 25 other business

groups had paid to Mr. Roh, the news reports said. Spokesmen at the top four conglomerates said they

were only waiting for results of the investigations. Senior prosecutor Ahn Kang-Min, leading the probe, has said the heads of the conglomerates will be resummoned "if necessary". An official at the prosecu-

tor-general's office said Wednesday Lee Won-Joe, a former member of parliament who was in Mr. Roh's inner circle and dealt with financial affairs, would be called in to be grilled Thursday over the scandal.

On Wednesday about 40 relatives of dissidents killed during anti-government demonstrations under Mr. Roh and his predecessor Chun Doo Hwan staged a rally outside the Seoul detention house, denranding Mr. Roh be treated equally with other prisoners, witnesses said.

## Sri Lanka troops surround Jaffna, cut rebel route

COLOMBO (R) — Sri Lankan army commandos and airborne troops encircled the northern Tamil Tiger stronghold of Jaffna City, cutting off a key rebel supply route early Wednes-

A military statement said the capture of the Jaffna-Kandy Highway followed a fierce battle Tuesday afternoon in which 45 rebels were killed and more than 100 wounded in the Ariyalai area, east of Jaffna but within the town limits.

The statement said troops advanced further south, apparently heading for the coast, in an encircling move through Ariyalai. Defence analysts said any

Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) rebels remaining in Jaffna City will be cut off once the army reaches the coast and blocks the highway and roads Chavakaecheri, farther east. Four rebels speeding along the highway Wedne day morning were killed radio claim that 20 civilians when troops fired on their vehicle, which was transporting a large quantity of military equipment, the military said.

The final battle for Jaffna is now being waged by the army's elite Reserve Strike Force of commandos and airbome troops, better trained for fighting in urbanareas, who took over from regular soldiers Monday. Rebel radio

Wednesday they lost 10 fighters and killed several soldiers in day-long fighting Tuesday at Anyalai. The Voice of Tigers said

air force F-7 jets and Pacara ground attack aircraft bomred Velvedditturai, home of their Sea Tiger Naval Wing, on the northem coast of the Jaffna peninsula Tuesday after-A later rebel statement

and the Sea Tiger base was also shelled by navy gunbours.

But a Voice of Tigers

were killed in the airstrikes was promptly denied by the army.

military spokesman "Airstrikes are ېنىd: launched only on clearly identified rebel targets and avoid civilian areas.

Planes also bombed Nedunkerni, Rambekulam and Katsilaimadu in the northeastern Mullaitivu district the same day, said the radio, monitored by Reuters in Vavuniya, the northernmost town under government control.

The military said rebels suffered heavy casualties Tuesday morning when they tried to hold up advancing troops with heavy machine gun fire and mortars.

"Troops retaliated very effectively supported by armour and artillery causing heavy casualties to terrorists," it said adding that an officer was killed and 25 soldiers were wounded in

fully through a maze of mines and boobytraps laid by retreating rebels to delay their advance in the heavily built up suburbs of Jaffna

City, military sources said. More than 1,500 rebels and 338 soldiers have been killed in the month-long offensive.

The rebels are fighting a 12-year war for an independent homeland for minority Tamils in the island's north and east in which more than 50,000 people have died.

The rebels have cleared out some of their arms dumps from the peninsula. fearing their capture in further army advances, and moved the caches to Kilinochchi on the mainland, across the Jaffna Lagoon, military sources said.

Tens of thousands of people displaced by the fighting converged have Kilinochehi where aid agencies are providing food. medicine and shelter.

#### N. Ireland peace process is still

deadlocked DUBLIN (R) — Prospects of U.S. President Bill Clinton crowning the Bosnian peace accord with a breakthrough in the Northern Ireland peace process hung in the balance

Wednesday.` Northern Ireland's peace process remained deadlocked Tuesday after the British and Irish prime ministers failed o resolve obstacles to all-party talks.

Mr. Clinton's visit to Britain, Northern Ireland and Ireland at the end of the month was supposed to Washington's shower approval on 15-month guerrilla ceasefires that laid the foundations for allparty peace talks.

But the all-party talks are still on the drawing board because of differences over guerrilla arms.

There are still roadblocks. They are working to trying and unblock them," an Irish spokesman said after British Prime Minister John Major and Irish Prime Minister John Bruton spoke by telephone for 40 minutes.

Dublin's comments cast doubt over prospects for an early Anglo-Irish summit to push forward proposals for converting the guerrilla truces into lasting peace. The Irish spokesman said

Mr. Major and Mr. Bruton had "preliminary discussions" on a range of matters and would speak again in the next 48 hours. Irish officials believe that

unless there is a breakthrough when Mr. Major and Mr. Bruton hold their next round of telephone talks the summit may have to be postponed until after Mr. Clinton's visit.

A team of Irish officials was due to go to London later this week to work on proposals.

The hurdles to be overcome are believed to include Britain's insistence that Irish Republican Army (IRA) guerrillas and their Protestant foes start handing over weapons before all-party peace talks can be

Mr. Major and Mr. Bruton have exchanged letters over the past few days, trying to bypass the issue of disarmament by referring it to an international panel, Mr. Major said there was no change in Britain's insistence that guerrillas must disarm. The panel is expected to

Senator George Mitchell, Mr. Clinton's Ireland economics adviser, partly in recognition of Washington's role in supporting the peace drive.

be chaired by former U.S.

### British jury that convicted West moves on to sex murders

WINCHESTER, England (R) - Jurors who convicted Rose West of murdering her daughter, stepdaughter and bitter rival in love tried Wednesday to decide if she was also a depraved sex killer.

The jury, seven men and four women, returned to court at 1030 GMT Wednesday, after a second night secluded in a hotel, and immediately went to their room to resume deliberations on seven outstanding murder

The plump mother of eight showed no reaction in court Tuesda, when she was found guilty of killing her eight-year-old stepdaughter Charmaine in 1971 and her own first-horn, Heather, in 1987 when she

16. But she wept later in her cell. Mrs. West is alleged to have killed seven more women, aged 15 from to 21, whose bodies were dug up at her home in

Gloucester, western Englan's. \_ped\_justice Her husband Frederick apparently hanged himself in jail before he could stand trial.

The couple's suspected sex victims include a Christian scholar, a Swiss tourist and runaways whom they abducted, bound, gagged, kept alive for painful abuse, and

sealed. When she turns 42 in a week she will be facing life in prison. Mrs. West, with big glasses and a mop of black hair, stood frozen as the jury foreman declared her guilty of killing Charmaine

and Heather, her first and last victims. Muffled gasps from the public gallery echoed round the modern courtroom in the

southern city of Winchester as the first ver-

dicts came in Tuesday afternoon, eight weeks after the start of Britain's most lurid

trial for years. Mrs. West was led back down to the cells and as she went, tears started to stream down her face, one of her defence team said. She was "ini.a state of emotional upheaval and gutted", he said.

Ninety minutes later, red-eyed and puffyfaced, she re-emerged for the next blow, a guilty verdict in the case of Shirley Robinson, a bisexual teenage lodger whose attention turned from her landlady Rose to the landlord, Frederick.

- She died in 1978 with Fred's baby, due one month later, inside her. Rose had no longer been able to contain her jealousy or fury, the prosecution argued. Fred told police he alone was responsible for Robinson's death and all the others. He.

Rena and a nanny, killed in the 1960s. But he later told a confidante a pact to protect the wife he loved, and even

also led them to the bodies of his first wife

offer up his life to her. "All I have is my life, I will give it for you my darling," he wrote to Rose a year ago in a farewell note. "When you are ready, come

to me." Both defence and prosecution agreed Whatever the verdict, Mrs. West's fate is Fred West, who boasted of another 20 victims as yet unfound, was a sick monster who, as the defence put it, had "opted out of

the human race". In the three counts where they reached a unanimous verdict Tuesday, the jurors believed the prosecution argument that Rose had the motive of antipathy, the opportunity, and had told the lies to prove



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#### **Active involvement pays**

THE SUCCESS of the peace talks between the warring factions in Bosnia can only be seen as a success for U.S. active policy that passionately sponsored and pursued the talks and also the parties themselves which have decided at the 11th hour to compromise for the sake of their respective peoples. After four years of a war of barbaric proportions, the U.S. was able to stitch together a deal that admittedly all the three sides, the Bosnians, the Serbs and the Croats, accepted as the least evil among all other options available to

In the final analysis it was the military stalemate that convinced the parties to sit together in Dayton and conclude an accord that they hope to live with, a stalemate that was the result of the more active NATO intervention at the insistence of the U.S. Without the forceful Western military intervention, the defiant Serbs would not have yielded to logic and foregone

their military option.

The Dayton accord, though, is still an agreement on paper. What could give this peace deal an effective lease on life is the agreement to deploy some 60,000 NATO soldiers to police and implement it. The U.S. is expected to contribute some 20,000 American troops to this military contingent in a bid to show its determination to back its political undertakings by deeds. After all the Dayton deal was not only brokered by the U.S. but engineered by it all the way through. The accord has all the trademarks and footprints of Washington. Therefore, the reputation of President Bill Clinton and his administration is on the line if for one reason or another the agreement faltered.

In retrospect, though, the Bosnians may have had a raw deal afterall. With the Serbs and Croats each securing for themselves separate and sovereign republics outside Bosnia proper, the Bosnian Muslims have been confined to a semiindependent republic within a Croat-Muslim federation. While Bosnian territorial integrity has been preserved under the peace agreement with Sarajevo as its capital, in actual terms, the legitimate Bosnian government has been left with only partial power and control of the country. No wonder Bosnian President Ali Izetbegovic was holding out till the very end before he agreed to initial the deal.

On moral grounds, the world will be watching how effective the solemn undertaking of the accord to bring all war criminals to justice will be. The resolution of this aspect of the pact requiring the prosecution of all people who committed crimes against homanity or war crimes during the conduct of the war is as important as territorial settlement. The world attaches utmost importance to this dimension of the Bosnian conflict and joins the rest of mankind in its insistence that war criminals be apprehended and brought to justice in the most effective and expeditious manner. The least that the international community can do to compensate the Bosnian government for its losses on the negotiating table is to punish the notorious war criminals for their heinous crimes.

#### ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

A COLUMNIST IN Al Ra'i daily Wednesday lauded the Islamic Action Fronts (IAF) condemnation of the car bomb blast in Islamabad which killed 16 people and wounded more than 60 others. The party spokesman Ishaq al Farhan has described the attack as harmful to Islam and the Muslim people, and would only intensify a hostile campaign against Islam, said Sultan Al Hattab. The writer said the time has come for similar voices to be raised condemning violence and terrorist actions claimed to be carried out by extremist Islamic groups and there is need to show the brighter image of Islam as a faith that advocates tolerance and peace. There is need for the sensible leaders to raise their voices and denounce terrorism and take action to stem its roots and so protect Islam and the interests and lives of the Muslim people, continued the writer. He voiced apprehension that the terrorists attacks, which started in Algeria and Egypt and then extended to Riyadh and Islamabad, could move elsewhere throughout the Arab region, and urged the government to preempt such situations by tightening security.

A COLUMNIST in Al Dustour warned of the possibility that collaborators with Israel could succeed in obtaining Jordanian passports and come to settle in this country now that five year passports are available to the citizens of the occupied Arab lands. Mohammad Subeihi said that the collaborators have been rejected by the Palestinians, and Israel has failed to help them travel abroad because they hold no nationality or citizenship. The collaborators might see in Jordan a safe haven, and Jordanian citizens have no way of identifying any of them, said the writer, who urged the concerned authorities to clarify their position to the public and to make use of a black list containing the names of collaborators, in deciding on citizenship matters. The writer said that Israel was not likely to offer help in this matter because it is concerned with protecting its spies whose actions have resulted in the suffering of Palestinians.

The View from Academia

By Dr. Ahmad Y. Majdoubeh

## All or nothing

ONE OF the most troubling impediments to learning, in essentially all subjects, but especially in language learning, in essentially all subjects, but especially in language learning, is the all-or-nothing attitude among many of our students. The problem, which I shall explore in detail in what follows, is deeply rooted in our present-day culture, which makes it the more "troubling" and difficult to deal with.

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Let me illustrate by telling a couple of anecdotes. For a couple of years, I have been teaching a course in listening comprehension. The course is designed for second-year English majors (sophomores), most of whom need help and training in understanding language spoken by native speakers. As the listening and comprehension ability of many of our students is below the required level (and this is not surprising, for many of them have not been exposed to much English throughout their learning years), the aim is to expose them to as much English (through tapes, video

cassettes, films, guest speakers, etc.) as possible.

Many students, I have found, benefit greatly from the course. Not only do they understand British and American English at the end of the course a lot more effectively and easily than at the beginning but they also speak it better. For many others, however, (20-30 per cent of the class in some cases), the benefit is either too insignificant to count

I have made it a point to observe such students carefully, to confront them openly but kindly about their problem, and to discuss the matter with other colleagues. Undoubtedly, one main reason for the remarkable failure to benefit is the significant gap between the level of students' actual competence in the language, and the competence the course expects them to develop. It should be admitted here that even though nearly all of our students start learning English at the reasonable age of 10 (some way earlier), for reasons that we all know, many of them do not learn much (especially students who come from the relatively remote towns and cities whose teachers are themselves incompetent).

But the problem is also a problem of attitude. The material they are expected to cover in the said course is not that demanding and the approach is generally down to earth. All students need is serious attention in class, concentration, and some extra work in the lab or at home. Not too much to ask, right? Wrong. I say wrong because in our society it is in fact too much to ask or expect students (many students, that is) to be attentive and serious and to work part of the time on their own. What I have found out - from my own observation and from talking to students

and colleagues - is that students' awareness of the wide discrepancy between what they know and what they are required to know leads them to simply give up, in many cases before they even try. "What good is the little we learn?" "What is the use of knowing a few words or a few rules?" These and other dismissive questions reflect the negative (and erroneous) attitude many students at our educational institutions hold.

I have encountered the same attitude in another course. Since the beginning of this semester, I have been helping a group of students (30 of them) improve their English. The course is voluntary. The students signed up for it out of an urge to better their English and out of a desire to pass an exam which entitles them to be considered for admission to the English Department. There are no exams, no grades, and no pressure from the instructor - an ideal situation. That vast majority of them is weak: in speaking, in reading, and in writing. But the vast majority is eager to learn.

Since the problems are tremendous, and since the territory to cover is so huge, I felt the best way is to focus on a few fundamental aspects of English, and make sure that the students not only understand what I give them but master it. What can one hope (realistically speaking) to cover in a few weeks with students who lack knowledge of the basics of English? I also felt (as I generally feel) that the main problem here lies not so much in knowing (or not knowing) but in mastering and applying. I decided therefore to give them a few rules about reading, a few sentence patterns, a few essential grammatical rules, a few punctua-tion marks and a few general guidelines (all piecemeal), and spend a great deal of time drilling and practicing. The idea is to give them a little in this course, a little in a future course, a little more in a third course, and so on (this is the best approach in my opinion with students to whom the learning of English, for all kinds of reasons, is a real trauma'

At the beginning, many of the students were somewhat disappointed. They had come with high expectations and wanted to learn a great deal: tonnes of words, tonnes of sentence patterns, loads of grammatical rules, and so on. They wanted to cure all their problems and fill in all the gaps in one course. It took me more than a month (of talking to them as a group and individually) to convince them that all they hope to achieve is to master some of the basics, and that such basics no matter how seemingly insignificant are in fact very significant. I said: all you need in order to write a good paragraph in English are a few

sentence patterns and a few punctuation rules. Too much knowledge can be counterproductive — a "dangerous thing," to quote part of Alexander Pope's famous line of poetry. Let's apply what we learn and master it once and for all. It was immessely difficult and time consuming, but a comfortable majority got the message. Some refuse to believe and accept this rationale until now.

Such an attitude is inherited from the culture at large. Families in our society, schools, the media, and many other institutions implant, nourish, and foster such an attitude, at times consciously and at times inadvertently. Many of our parents teach us, for example, that either we should pray perfectly well five times a day (without missing one single prayer) or we should not, that either we should be the first in our class in everything or not be at all, that we are either totally good or totally bad, that we either win or lose, that we either know everything or nothing. Look, for instance, at our TV and radio knowledge-testing contests. The hero of the episode is the one who knows all the answers (it turns out that many such heroes obtain the questions beforehand and memorise the answers). When we eat, we eat everything all at once, and as speedily as possible. The mansaf is an epitome and metaphor not just of how we eat, but how we live. First of all, we put everything on top of everything else: the bread, the meat, the leban, the rice, the parsely, the almonds, etc. Secondly, we sit down on the floor or stand around a table and in 10 minutes we gulp everything. Much of what we do or expect to do we want to do it in the same manner.

Most of the reservations (if not all) I have heard about the Palestinian-Israeli peace accords since Gaza-Jericho First boil down to the fact that the Palestinian territories are not to be returned all at once. Commenting on the Israeli handover of Jenin to the Palestinian National Authority (PNA), a well-known (though not necessarily interesting) commentator in one of our Arabic dailies said cynically the other day: "What is the PNA in charge of in Jenin? Health services?" The other day also, I encouraged one of our students to take part in the activities of the English Club, which the students have been asking for for a couple of years. He said, "What can I contribute? I am graduating in six months?"

This all-or-nothing mode of thinking is a real problem in our society — a plague, in my opinion. To get rid of it, we need a great deal of brain-storming, hard work, team work, and dedication. Otherwise, it will continue to cripple much of our society's will to development and progress.

## Bosnia pact keeps Clinton on a political roll

By Gene Gibbons

Reuter

WASHINGTON — From the budget to Bosnia, Bill Clinton had cause for celebration on Tuesday. But he will have to navigate the most treacherous political shoals of his presidency in order to claim success. Selling a reluctant U.S.

public and Congress on American troop participaen in a bosnia peacekeed ing operation is perhaps Mr. Clinton's most daunting challenge.

And even as he tackles this leadership test, he must hold his own in an ongoing power struggle with Republic leaders over budget policy that caused an unprecedented disruption of government operations for six days last week.
Polls indicate the Demo-

cratic president came out of that tussle in better shape

than the Republicans. But tough new budget negotia-tions will parallel Mr. Clinton's effort to build support

for his Bosnia policy.

This could complicate an already uphill task.

Reflecting public sentiment, the Republican-led U.S. House of Representa-tives voted 243-171 last week to prohibit Mr. Clinton from sending troops to help enforce a peace agreement unless Congress not only approves but sets aside money to fund them.

In announcing the breakthrough at the Dayton, Ohio, peace talks, Mr. Clinton said the United States would provide about one-third of the NATO implementation force — expected to number 60,000 and that U.S. involvement

was "essential." Under a plan developed by NATO military commander Gen. George Joulwan, the 20,000 Americans would be concentrated in a key patch of Bosnia around Tuzla and in a corridor between that city and Saraievo.

"The central fact for us as Americans is this: Our leadership made this peace agreement possible, and helped to bring an end to many innocent people that our fellow citizens had to watch night after night for four long years on the television screens," he said.

"Now American leadership, together with our allies, is needed to make this peace real and enduring. Our values, our interests and our leadership all over the world are at stake.'

But Mr. Clinton is expected to have an even har-

der time making the case for sending troops to the Balkans than George Bush did getting the United States to wage war in the Gulf in 1991.

For one thing, there is no easily identifiable national interest like there was in the Gulf — protecting the flow of oil vital to the U.S. economy and preventing an international renegade from developing a nuclear arsen-

The blossoming of the 1996 U.S. presidential campaign could be yet another

Political analysts like Republican strategist William Kristol forsee "a big intra-Republican fight on Bosnia over the next few week" as the party's presidential hopefuls vie for political advantage.

And at a time when Congress is looking to cut spending, it is not likely to be happy with paying an estimated \$1.5 billion for a one-year troop deployment and another \$500 million to help Bosnia rebuild.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich struck a conciliatory note on the troop deployment after the Dayton agreement was announced. g he was willing to give Mr. Clinton "the benefit of the doubt" as commanderin-chief of the armed

"I am not prepared to vote yes but I would discourage any member (of the House) from automatically voting no," the Geor-gia Republican said in New Hampshire.

Mr. Clinton will take his case to the people "as soon

as he's absolutely confident that we have every aspect of the mission buttoned up to his satisfaction, and when he's confident he can answer many of the questions he would anticipate,"
White House spokesman Mike McCurry told reporters on Tuesday.

Mr. McCurry declined to say whether Mr. Clinton was ready to run the biggest political risk of all, and send troops to Bosnia with our without congressional approval.

"I'm not entertaining the question at this point because the president is confident that he will make the

case to the American people on why it's necessary. and he will enjoy that support that he expects to get from the American peo-ple," the spokesman said.

#### **LETTERS**

#### **Ensuring an** impressive future

To the Editor:

IN MY personal capacity as president of the Friends of Archaeology (FoA) Society, I would like to use the public columns of the Jordan Times to commend several government, private and international institutions and individuals that have worked together recently to strike a pioneering blow for the compatibility of modern development with conservation of our natural and cultural heritage. This occurred at the important antiquities site of Pella in the north Jordan Valley foothills, where the Ministry of Water and Irrigation, with the approval of the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, had initiated construction work late last month on a water project. The project included the construction of four water pools and several other concrete structures in the central Wadi Jirm valley, along with fencing off the entire central wadi, in order to bring more drinking water to Irbid.

We were concerned about the negative environmental impact of the project, possible threats to the antiquities, and the fact that fencing off the entire central valley would have seriously ravaged the visual and spatial integrity of the Pella site, which the Wadi Jirm bisects. We thought that there had to be a better way to implement the water project, while also preserving the natural beauty of Pella. We decided on a quiet, low-key approach to resolving this

Several Friends of Archaeology board members, along with members of the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature and the Friends of Environment-Jordan Society, made repeated private requests to concerned Jordanian officials to review the project design before irreversible work was completed. Other concerned individuals also added their voices to our appeal. In early November, the antiquities and water authorities agreed to our request for a brief pause in the work in order to explore the project's impact and possible alternatives. After several meetings were held in Amman and at Pella with all concerned parties, an alternative plan was suggested and was collectively approved earlier this week. This new plan will see the water works built completely underground, without need for concrete structures or fencing above ground. This solution is practical, cost-effective, and satisfies all concerned parties.

We are pleased that this compromise solution has been agreed upon. We feel that it sets an important precedent for consultations in other cases where modern development projects must be implemented at or near sites of archaeological importance or particular natural beauty. The FoA would like particularly to commend the following people for their constructive and enlightened response to our appeal: Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Abdul Illah Khatib, Minister of Water and Irrigation Saleh Irsheidat, Director of Antiquities Ghazi Bisheh, and Secretary-General of the Ministry of Water and Irrigation Qosai Abdul Razzak. We appreciate the positive role of French Ambassador Bernard Bajolet and his staff, and the roles played by Pam Watson, Jacques Seigne, Ammar Khammash, Enex Contracting Corporation and many others who were involved in achieving this very satisfying agreement.

The successes of the past, however, are most meaningful as platforms for greater successes in the future. The FoA board is following up this positive experience with a proposal to establish a formal system by which all construction projects in Jordan at or near antiquities sites. are reviewed in a public meeting during the design stage, well ahead of the start of construction. We would like to use this opportunity to invite the Ministry of Planning and the linistry of Tourism and Antiquities to make use of the Friends of Archaeology Centre for such public meeetings, where design engineers can present projects and the interested public can comment on them at a stage when changes can be made to avert any potential conflicts between development and conservation. This can be easily achieved through the combined creativity, technical skills, and goodwill of all concerned Jordanian and international parties, as we have just demonstrated.

We feel such an initiative is crucial today, given the major interest being expressed in new tourism and public works projects at sites such as Wadi Rum, Aqaba, Petra, Umm Qais, the northeast Dead Sea coast, Mount Nebo, and other sites. The demands of economic development and heritage conservation are very compatible. We feel that we finance new projects at or near antiquities sites to consider requiring environmental, archaeological and cultural impact statements before a project is fully approved and funded. We feel that this would be a positive reaffirmation of the principle that we have collectively validated at Pella: that public-private sector cooperation and transparency in project planning provide the vital foundation for sustainable socio-economic development

and conservation of our natural and cultural heritage. The ministries of tourism and antiquities, and water and irrigation, have acted with boldness, humility, courage and sensitivity in revising the Pella water project, and we feel that their constructive attitude needs to be recognised and applauded. It also needs to be built upon and institutionalised, so that our collective pioneering actions this month to harmonise development with conservation at Pella can become a routine procedure in the future growth and well-being of our entire country. We look forward to the replies of the ministries of planning and of tourism and antiquities to our offer to host public review meetings for planned new projects, and we will also follow up our related suggestion to donors and banks.

I would urge all concerned individuals and institutions

that wish to join our efforts for the promotion of culturally and environmentally sensitive economic development to consider joining our efforts at the Friends of Archaeology (tel: 696682) to ensure that our future is as impressive as

> Rami G. Khouri, President. Friends of Archaeology Society,

#### Foreign investment in Jordan?

To the Editor:

THE ABOVE mentioned subject has been very much talked about recently, especially in light of the peace process and the recent Amman summit. So much so that the euphoria at the prospect of billions of pounds pouring into the country was not uncommon.

Euphoria has its roots in emotionalism, and emotions are never the basis of sound investment.

If we concentrate on the very important sector of manufacturing industry then we must expect the potential investor to compare Jordan with other locations like Turkey, Malaysia, Vietnam etc. The criteria for comparison would include local conditions such as: (1) Competence of ministries and other government departments. (2) security. (3) infrastructure. (4) trained manpower and (5) local costs.

An objective rating consultant would give Jordan the following ratings:

(1) Competence of relevant government departments:

At best indifferent and inefficient. (2) Security: Reasonable,

path to improvement.

(3) Infrastructure: Poor.

(4) Local costs: Reasonable, if geographical aspects are taken into consideration. (5) Trained manpower: Non-existent. Vocational training centres and other institutions turn out persons trained in fields irrelevant to manufacturing.

The balance is negative. Some have been advocating the idea that the peace process presents a healthy challenge for us to "pull up our socks." If so, let us start by looking our situation in the face and refrain from the daily virtual farcical rhetoric about our "achievements and glories" in the technical and manufacturing fields. This is an indispensable first step along the

> Dr. Omar Mango, General Engineering Industries Co., Ltd.

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## Pioneer soars to new heights

JUST CALL HIM 'BASHA': When Nader Dahabi took over the "throttle" at Royal Jordanian (RJ) as president and chief executive officer about 14 months ago, the 50-year-old Air Force officer was actually seconded to the post from the Jordan Armed Forces. Last week, along with several other officers, Mr. Dahabi was promoted to Major General, according him the title "Basha." Although Mr. Duhahi, as was his class of military colleagues, was due for the promotion, it was seen as a recognition of his many years of service to the Armed Forces and applauded by his fellow officers and his RJ associates and staff. Since assuming his responsibilities as head of RJ, Mr. Dahabi's have heard about a nee Gaza-Jench primary goul has been to improve on services while reducing expenditures. He made sweeping changes to the positions of RJ regional and station managers around the world in his drive to promote his monto of "loyalty to the airline and not the individual." That may explain his must recent management appointment.

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Akasheh, has been promoted to Vice President of Operations, succeeding Jihad Irsheid, who returned to being a line pilot. Captain Akasheh joined RJ as a flight engineer truinee in 1975. She soured through the ranks, having first been cleared as a Boeing 707 flight engineer to her clearance as a B 707 and Lockheed 1011 captain. "Tag," as she is fundly known, was seconded to the Royal Squadron from 1987 to 1990. Until her appointment last week, she has been check airwoman on the L1011. Under her wings now will be RJ's 340-strong, flying officers. Captain Akasheh is also said to have brought a young generation of RJ "go-getters" to her new evirons. Her supporters say this move should add some fresh fuel to the



Nader Dahabi



Taghrid Akasheh

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UNITED GOOD CAUSES: The United Nations Women's Guild of Jordan (UNWG) held its first general meeting for the 1995-96 year to which the group invited HRH Princess Busma to speak about women and development, the U.N. World Conference on Women and the role of non-governmental organisations in alleviating the prob-

lems of the underprivileged people of Jordan. Under the chairmanship of newly-elected UNWG Board President Alka Ben Razu, the meeting also heard from United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Regional Director Sarvjini Vittachi who shared some of her many experiences during her 10 years in the region with UNICEF. Ms. Vittachi is retiring soon from the U.N. The UNWG, whose members are representatives of United Nations and wives of U.N. staff persons, announced plans to launch a scholarship in Jordan in the field of women and development. According to Mrs. Raza, who is a journalist with Mexican Television and is married to U.N. Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) officer Shariq Ben Raza, the UNWG will also continue to support charities in the Kingdom. For many of the members, balancing work and home responsibilities is a feat in itself, but the UNWG also provides them with leisure time to meet and mingle with other U.N. "sisters" over a game of scrabble or bridge, for the outdoor lover, hiking, and for the more heady, book-reading. What these women may not have discovered yet are art lessons with Aziz Ammoura.

HANGING TOGETHER: Three women who have studied art with award-winning painter Aziz Ammoura will on Saturday put their works on display at the Royal Cultural Centre. Under the patronage of Prince Ra'ad Ben Zeid and Princess Majda, Lucy Marto, Janine Saaf and Tete Wegelius will open their joint exhibition of paintings in watercolour and oils. Lucy Marto, who is married to Central Bank of Jordan Deputy Governor Michel Marto, has a degree in fashion design from the Scuolo Marangoni in Milan, Italy. Janine Saaf obtained her degree in material design at the Academy of Arts and Industrial Design in Enschede, Netherlands. Mrs. Souf is

married to UNRWA Director/Jordan Ele Saaf. Tete Wegelius was a drawing competition winner at age 16. She studied fashion drawing at Gota Tradgard School in Stockholm, Sweden and oil painting at the School of Fine Art in Beirut. Mrs. Wegelius is vice consul of Finland and is married to George Wegelius, regional manager for the Middle East of Kymmene-oy of Finland, Europe's largests forestry company. All three women exhibited jointly two years ago, also at the RCC, and showed their works in a larger exhibit with several other artists last year at Ab'aad Gallery. Their upcoming exhibition will run through Dec.

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DONUTS TO GO: Another lady making the news, but from as far away as New York, is 11-year-old Shirley McKay who wrote to the Royal Jordanian offices in the "Big Apple to ask for some information about Jordan. Her letter was just too priceless to paraphrase: "Dear Sir/Madam: I am II-years-old and I'm learning about your country. I would like to know if you could send me some brochures, posters, pictures, and even some Jordan denuts so I can share them with my class. Thank you." Although accustomed to our own errors, we admit we were stumped on this one, until RJ's New York Office Director Bill Connors wrote that Shirley actually meant "dinars."

Jennifer Hamarneh

### Spanish diet at risk from legacy of Franco's death

By Joelle Diderich Reuter

Accurry declines MADRID — The death of ether Mr. Chara Francisco Franco opened Spain to Anglo-Saxon fads dy to run the bigez and cultural trends which risk of all, and 🗪 the dictator had sheltered it to Bosnia with or it congression from.

Now another bastion of this fiercely individualistic nation — its diet — may be not entertaining in about to fall.

Spaniards are almost obsessive about what they eat, but nutritionists are becoming worried that American-style "junk" food is taking over the menu.

U.S. films, which account

expansion southwards.

for 80 per cent of cinemagoers' fare, coupled with advertising and an increase in the number of women working, have all affected Spanish eating habits.

leading food expert, Jesus Roman Martinez, says Spaniards are increasingly eating fatty, overprocessed Anglo-Saxon foods rather than the fresh fruit, vegetables and fish which make up traditional

Mediterranean diet. "People don't cook as much," says Mr. Martinez, who heads the Spanish Society of Dietetics and

Alimentary Sciences. "There is an abundance of restaurants with dishes that differ from the traditional, and above all there is an influence from the Anglo-Saxon diet through advertisements and the cinema."

Some of the younger generation are ditching the traditional Cocido — a hearty stew that can include anything from meat, bucon and chickpeas to vegetables and fish — for the convenient pleasures of a burger with

Many fast food outlets offer sandwiches filled with

ingredients, but McDonald's — seen as a symbol of encroaching American culture - is taking a growing market share and has ambitious expan-

The U.S. burger chain forecasts its Spanish subsidiary will serve 50 million customers in 1995 and 75 million next year.

It plans to have 100 branches by the end of this year, twice the number in 1992, and aims to reach 210

by 1998. Sociologist Amando De supermarkets whose open-

Miguel says dietary imbalances occur because of eating out, an increase in single-person households, an obsession with slimming, little time or inclination to

The number of working women more than doubled to 35 per cent in 1992 from 17 per cent in 1972, when Gen. Franco's vision of their role restricted many to home and hearth.

cook, and alcohol abuse

Fresh produce markets and small shops have seen their trade dwindle as working couples turn to large

ing hours accommodate their busy schedules.

A study by the Agriculture Ministry showed that Spaniards bought more convenience foods such as tinned and frozen meals in 1994 to the detriment of fruits and vegetables.

More worryingly, consumption of olive oil, the staple of southern European cooking and an aid in reducing heart disease, has dropped sharply in the last two years.

The reason is not changing tastes but steadily rising prices because of drought and slack market controls of Seville, says that one reawhich encourage specula-

Producers fear that once consumers switch to cheaper options like sunflower oil, they will be difficult to win back and olive oil will be seen as a luxury rather than an everyday necessity.

But experts, acknowledging increased popularity of fast food, are confident that traditional meals will retain their place in Spanish cul-

Ana Troncoso, professor of nutrition at the University

son for preserving the Mediterranean diet is that it is a strong factor in preventing heart disease.

She stresses there is noth-"magical" "It's healthy, although unique, and there are others that are just as valid."

Mr. De Miguel says that although social trends are promoting the growth of fast food, cultural habits will mean that "people will keep enjoying traditional dishes like Cocido, rice and

### Imagined colonisation of the Balqa

is as impressive # The Land of Gilead kami G. Khouri

By Laurence Oliphant Edinburgh and London: William Blackwood and Sons. 1880

Laurence Oliphant was no ordinary traveller; not is The Land of Gilead simply a travelogue. On his journey to Lebanon, Syria, Palestine and Jordan in the 1880s, Oliphant's primary aim was mapping out the parameters of a colony intended to serve British and Ottoman interests. The fact that the settlers were to be European Jews identifies Oliphant as a Christian Zionist. In her book Non-Jewish Zionists (Zed Press, 1983), Regina Sharif iden-

tifies Oliphant as a British MP and foreign service officer, who ini-

tiated the first contacts between Jewish and non-Jewish Zionists. He also presented his ideas to the Ottoman authorities. Had Oliphant's plan been implemented, the Biblical Land of Gilead, i.e., northwest Jordan, would have been singled out for colonisation. Reading his book leaves the distinct impression that given a slightly different twist of fate, East Bankers rather than West Bankers might have been deprived of their most fertile land

and rendered refugees. In fact, Jordan might never have been constituted as a modern state. In Oliphant's eyes, the Balqu offered "the finest territory for agricultural and pastoral purposes in the whole of Palestine, while it is the only province where there are no legal occupiers of the soil, and no settled population" (p. 269), except for Salt. He believed that if the Balga became the property of a land company formed under the sanction of the Turkish government... the whole country would soon become more or less dependent on the colonial administration, which could thus gradually and beneficially extend the sphere of its operations..." (p. 291). Oliphant proposed buying Ajlun province for £50,000, and rejoiced when Kerak was brought under Ottoman control, as this would allow for the future colony's

Sharing the Zionist dream of "a land without a people for a people without a land," Oliphant's descriptions of the Land of Gilead are spectacular, but his accounts of the population are generally superficial, if not downright racist. Wherever he went, he classified farmers, villagers and town-dwellers by their religion or simply as inhabitants, reserving the term Arab for bedouins, although t can be assumed that the majority of the former types were also Arabs. Oliphant noted the similarity in appearance between Christians, Muslims, bedouins, etc., but blinded by his particular Christian version of Zionism, he singled out the bedouins as "the Arabs," viewing them as invaders who had allegedly "laid waste to this country, ruined its villages, and plundered its inhabitants."
He advocated that they be "driven back to the Arabian deserts

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from which they came" (p. 285).

Of course, his racist, ahistorical attitude was self-serving for it justified his aim of dispossessing the native people. As in Zionism's real history, this would not happen without repression and military force: Oliphant suggests that "the same system might be pursued which we have adopted with success in Canada with our North American Indian tribes, who are confined to their "reserves".... "Others, like the Beni Sakhr, "should be driven back across the Hadj road" where the Ottoman army would "keep them

in check" (p. 286). For anyone who appreciated Jordan as an Arab country, the only enjoyment to be derived from Oliphant's book is his descriptions of its natural and archaeological treasures. In particular, he relates two incidents which we are not able to experience today. He went for a swim in the Zarka River, remarking: "I have never seen any stream so full of fish..." (p. 250). And he visited Amman soon after the arrival of the first Circassian refugees, who were living in the Roman Theatre and nearby caves. Here he saw a panorama of ancient Ammon, encompassing Ammonite, Greek, Roman and Byzantine ruins, which today's urban development has buried and

blocked from our view. The book published in England over 100 years ago has major relevance today, according to Dr. Ahmad Owedi Abbadi who recently translated it for publication in Arabic.

The Land of Gilead is the ninth book pertaining to Jordan in the 19th or early 20th century to have been translated by the former Member of Parliament, who is a political commentator and professor of anthropology and politics. In making such books accessible to the Arabic readership. Dr. Abbadi aims to provide "a full image of Jordanian society and a reconstruction of the pure Jordanian ecology and society" as it existed in the past. The fact that the author, Laurence Oliphant, advocated Jewish colonisation of "The Lund of Gilead" gave Dr. Abbadi an added incentive.

"I found this book interesting because it shows the projects of the Zionists... the ambitious colonisation they were planning, which had an imperialist tendency from the beginning," says Dr. Abbadi. "This sheds light on the future of our country, and future genera-tions should be aware of the dangers surrounding them."

Sally Bland

### Thoughts for the week

The trouble is that hardly anybody in America goes to bed angry at night — Gorge J. Stigler, American economist 1911-1991).

The most fatal illusion is the settled point of view. Since life is growth and motion, a fixed point of view kills anybody who has one - Brooks Atkinson, American drama critic (1894-1984).

The greater the philosopher, the harder it is for him to answer the questions of common people -- Henry Sienkiewicz, Polish author (1846-1916).

There is a coherent plan in the universe, though I don't know what it's a olan for - Sir Fred Hoyle, English astronomer-author (1915).

Entia non sunt multiplicanda praeter necessitatem (entries should not be muliplied unneccessarily) — William of Occam, English philosopher 1290-1349). Known as Occam's razor, a modern version of this principle of logic might be: the simpler, the better.).

How awful to reflect that what people ay of us is true — Logan Pearsall Smith, Anglo-American essavist (1865-1946).

The great temptation is to have an alibi - George Abbott, American theatrical producer.

The time on either side of "now" stands fast — Maxine Kumin, American

If your neighbour is an early riser, you will become one - Albanian proverb.

A definition is no proof - William Pinkney, American diplomat (1764-

If you can talk brilliantly about a problem, it can create the consoling illusion that it has been mastered -Stanely Kubrick, American movie director (1928),

Life does not count by years. Some suffer a lifetime in a day, and so grow old between the rising and the setting of the sun - Augusta Jane Evans, American novelist (1835-1909).

The world has no sympathy with any but positive griefs; it will pity you for what you lose, but never for what you lack - Anne Sophie Swtchine, Russian-French Author (1782-1857).

We are what we pretend to be so we must be careful what we pretend to be - Kuri Vonnegut, American author (1922-).

Anybody can make history. Only a great man can write it - Oscar Wild (1854-1900).

Temperament is temper that is too old to spank - Charlotte Greenwood, American actress-comedian (1893-1978).

Great events make me quiet and calm: it is only trifles that irritate my nerves -Queen Victoria, British monarch (1819-

Who will give me back those days when life had wings and flew just like a skylark in the sky? - Marceline Desbordes-Valmore, French actress and poet (1786-1859).

Only the mediocrities of life hide behind the alibi "in conference." The great of this earth are not only simple but accessible - Issac Frederick Marcosson. American journalist (1876-1961).

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### Hanging one more year on the line

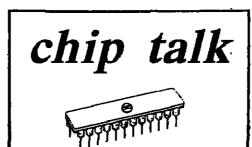
By Jean-Claude Elias

CHIP TALK is exactly three years old this month. It is perhaps one of the longest serving, uninterrupted regular columns the Jordan Times has featured so far. Often readers, friends (and editors-in-chief as well) ask me if there are still new computer topics to cover, and what do I do to come up with a different idea every week. If they only knew! Nothing could be easier. So many things are constantly happening in the world of Information Technology (II) that one subject a week would hardly be enough to cover all computer-related events and news. But of course, this is not a specialised magazine but a daily newspaper and its Weekender is a good place to entertain you

while keeping you informed. in the world of notebook computers for instance, the IT is currently breathing new life into these machines that some used to consider as just a little more than expensive toys. From the point of view of raw processing power notebooks have always followed closely their desk top, full-sized big brothers. Whenever a new processor was launched (like the Pentium for example), its notebook equivalent would be produced almost simultaneously.

Notebooks therefore had the power plus the advantage of portability and lightweight. The size of an A4 sheet of paper but five centimetres thick, these small wonders weigh less than four kilogrammes and are heaven sent for travelling businessmen, or simply for all those who would lose sleep without a computer always by their side.

The main limitations of those small computers have been mainly the quality of the display and the lack of flexibility to add optional board, adapters and components. New high-end notebooks feature super high resolution colour screens, highly contrasted for clear, sharp vision and a comfortable ten-inch diagonal viewing area. There is a noticeable difference in quality (and a painful one in



price as well) between the dual-scan and the active colour systems, the latter being much superior to the former.

The PCMCIA (Personal Computer Memory Component Interface Adapter -- enjoys the new acronym), a creditcard size adapter that plugs into a notebook's special slot, opens the door to limitless number of options that were so far the privilege of large desk top PCs. Fax cards, cellular phones, SCSI adapters (Small Computer System Interface to connect certain models of hard disk drives and CD-ROMs, scanners, and other sophisticated peripherals), MID1 music adapters, external drives, all are available now to the notebook owner thanks to PCMCIA cards.

Because of the improved displays and the PCMCIA system, sales of notebooks have sharply risen since the beginning of the year. The only relative disadvantage of portable computers compared to desk top models remains the price. For the same characteristics, notebooks are about 30 per cent more expensive than regular table top

What will the winds of change bring us next? Whatever it may be, users, complaining of too many sudden changes should think of writers like yours truly. The same speed of change that could be viewed as a curse by some actually is a blessing for us for it carries endless amounts of ideas to write about.

## An unbearable lightness of being

By Samer Ghaleb Bagaeen

As far as our knowledge is concerned, Earth remains an alien planet. This is true because there remains so much about our planet that we do not yet know. For example, in addition to the many living species that have been scientifically documented, there remains millions and millions of species that we know next to nothing about.

It remains true however that there are a lot of things out there that we know enough about to be able to handle carefully and do well. We can, for example, make terrific movies about love and adventure. At least some of us can anyway. Some are even lucky enough to take part in such uplifting productions.

One such film is about a twenty three year-old American who goes Inter-Railing in Europe after having broken-up with a girlfriend studying in Madrid.

Once on the train, and somewhere between Budapest and Vienna, he meets a French girl making her way back to Paris by train because she is, by her own admission, afraid of flying and constantly dreams of an aeroplane nose-diving.

The two of them get talking and by the time that train pulls up to the station in Vienna, one senses an attraction between the two. He asks her to join him in Vienna for the day because he only has a few hours before taking a flight back to the States and because he was planning to spend this time walking around the city, something more enjoyable if done together. And that is exactly what they do as they have a wonderful time exploring Vienna and their feelings for one another.

Certainly this is not your usual boy meets girl situation. Intertwined with all the usual cliches, are some clear indications about taking chances, about having a sense of adventure, about love, and above all, about exploring

uncharted territories. Another exciting imaginary situation cropped up recent-

ly in a Spanish novel I have been reading. Set in the future, in the year 2041 to be precise, the story was about the imminent human colonisation of the planet Mars. The Martians, whose existence is acknowledged half way through the novel, act in a most civilised manner to make their demands and rights understood by the so-called 'Earth Government' of that time. Eventually, the latter party concedes to the demands that nothing be done to alter or endanger existing life forms on Mars and coexistence proves to be the most plausible reality. The 'treaty' signed owed a great deal to the unrelenting work and talent of a television reporter and journalist with a taste for

Another such scenario of good versus evil and the triumph of the good can be found in a Scandinavian novel for children written by the Swedish author Astrid Lindgren. The novel, Mio, My Son, was published in Arabic earlier this year by the Stockholm based Dar Al Muna publishing house. Just one in a long list of titles translated to Arabic over the years, this book aims, as did all the others, to place Arab children on an equal footing with their counterparts in the various European countries where the same books have been translated and published. But with bigger and better things on the way, the big question that remains is what can we do to encourage our children to read more?

In all, the weight of unbearable responsibility lies heavy on every move we make. But the heavier this burden becomes with time, the more we can expect our lives to come closer to earth and maybe, in the middle of all this, we can help make the lives of our children become more real and truthful than ours have been. Our children have to be taught about choice, about making the right choices, taught to be self-reliant and brave, and to want to learn more about things, to be amateurs, to be interested in all

#### LET'S CHAT IN ARABIC

— I'm sorry I couldn't get here on time. Aasif lam astati' al-wusool ela hona fil-waqtil munaseb. - I had to go to the dentist yesterday but I forgot all about it.

Kana alayya an ath'hab ela tabibil'asnan albaareha, laakinnani naseet kulla shay'en hawl thalek. - Can you show me the way to the bus-stop, please? Hal tastati' an tureeni at-tareeq ela mawqif albass, min fadlik?

- You cannot leave this room until you get permission. La tastati' an tughadir haathehil ghurfa hat'ta tahsul ala ithn. - I'll meet you at the church at 4 p.m. on Monday next. Sawfa oqaabiluka endal kaneesa assa'a

ar'raabe'a massa'an yawmul ithnaynil muqbil. - I always feel tired at the end of the day. Ash'or daa'iman bitta'ab fee nehayatin'nahar. - I think someone is knocking at the door. Go and let

him in. Athonnu anna shakhsan yadokkul bab.

Ith'hab wada'hu yadkhul.

**JOKES** 

\* WHEN it was time for the guilty to be sentenced to death, Ashmawi, the executioner, was extremely teased every time he tried to tie the rope round the vindict's neck. The guilty person got furious and said:

"Eh, eh, what's wrong with you, man? Did you come here

to hang me or to play?

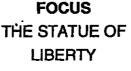
\* A FARMER once went with his wife to buy a ticket at a railway station.

FARMER: "We want two tickets?"

### ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

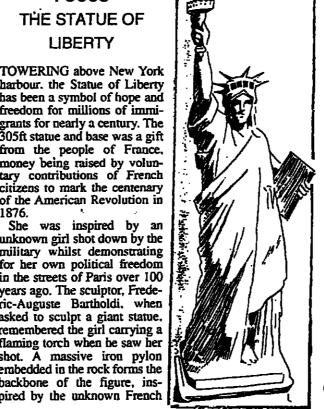
MOHAMMAD A. SHUQAIR

FARMER: "One for a man and another for a woman!"

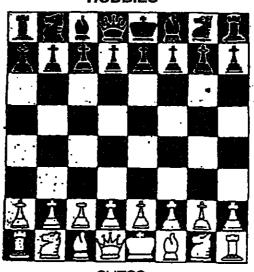


TOWERING above New York harbour, the Statue of Liberty has been a symbol of hope and freedom for millions of immigrants for nearly a century. The 305ft statue and base was a gift from the people of France, money being raised by voluntary contributions of French citizens to mark the centenary of the American Revolution in 1876. She was inspired by an

military whilst demonstrating for her own political freedom in the streets of Paris over 100 years ago. The sculptor, Frederic-Auguste Bartholdi, when asked to sculpt a giant statue, remembered the girl carrying a flaming torch when he saw her shot. A massive iron pylon embedded in the rock forms the backbone of the figure, inspired by the unknown French



The face is ten feet wide and forty people can stand in the interior of the head, the torch bearing arm is forty feet long and the torch platform can hold twelve people. The actual statue from foot to torch is 152ft and weighs 450,000 lbs and stands on a 62ft square base, the overall beight is 305 ft6 ins (nearly as high as St. Paul's Cathedral) and erection was dedicated by President Grover Cleveland in 1886.



CHESS is an ancient game of uncertain origin; it seems

likely it was first played in India, and introduced into Persia (Iran) in the 6th cent. A.D. The date and manner of its introduction into Europe are also obscure, but there is no reliable evidence that it was played earlier than the 11th cent. The modern form of the game dates from the 16th century. and the earliest important work on the subject was written in 1561 by a Spaniard, Ruy Lopez de Segura, whose name is honoured in a famous opening. It is played on checkered board with 32 chessmen divided between 2 players, moved according to conventional manoeuvres.

#### PÜZZLE

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#### Thursday, Nov. 23, 1995

Fireman Sam My Secret Identity 2:00 NBA The New Leave It To Beaver 3:00 3:30 Football match Juventus vs. Borussia Dortmund French Programme Sophie Et Virginie 5:30 Varieties Cest Votre Vie Le Journal 7:15 Magazine Archimede News Headlines

1:00 Iris - The Happy Professor

7:35 Carol And Company **Futures** The Album Show 8:15 9:10 The New Avengers 10:00 News In English

CLERK: "What tickets?"

10:25 Movie — "Hoodwinked Starting: Robert Mitchum & Ernst Borgnine 12:00 The Thorn Birds

Friday, Nov. 24, 1995

1:00 The Little Mermaids 1:30 Beethoven I:45 Lift-Off 2:00 **Bush School** Space Rangers 3:15 Goldrush In Alaska Movies. Games And Videos 5:00 French Programme Sophie Et Virginie 5:30 Telefilm Soleil D'Automne Le Journal

7:30 News Headlines

7:35 Coach

Magazine

8:00 Natural Wonders Of Europe

Sports Et Musique

9:10 Wolf

8:45 America's Funniest People

10:00 News In English 10:25 Pride And Prejudice (Part II)

11:30 Movie — "Anna Karenina" Starring: Greta Garbo & Frederic March

#### JTV CHANNEL TWO WEEKLY PREVIEW

Back To The Future 2:30 Harry And The Hendersons Blue Heelers 3:00 Football Match 3:30 Spartak Moscow vs. Blackburn Rovers

Saturday, Nov. 25, 1995

5:00 French Programme Fractales Magazine 5:30

**Omnisciences** 6:00 Cest Mon Histore Le Journal 7:15 Magazine Faut Pas Rever

News Headlines Major Dad First Flights
The Bold And The Beautiful 8:25

Star Trek — The Next Generation News In English 9:10 10:00 Movie: "All Night Long"

Starring: Gene Hackman & Barbara Streisend L'histoire Secrete Du Petrole 12:30 My Good Friend

Sunday, Nov. 26, 1995

The Flintstones Droopy Master Detective 2:25 Family Playhouse Football Match 3:30 FC Porto vs. Nantes French Programme 5:00 Fractales Serie

The Bold & The Beautiful

5:30 Fruits Et Legumes Document Le Feu De La Terre Le Journal

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9:30 Heartbeat 10:00 News In English

10:25 Counter Strike 11:15 Anastasia 12:00 My Two Wives

Monday, Nov. 27, 1995

Shelly Duvall's Bedtime Stories

Play About Hey Dad 3:05 Nature World Of Mitsuaki The Adventures Of The Black Stallion

Sky Trackers 5:00 French Programme Fractales

5:30 Madame Le Proviseur Le Journal Magazine Nimbus

News Headlines McHale's Navy Inventions

The Bold And The Beautiful Star Trek — The Next Generation 10:00 News In English 10:25 Inspector Morse

12:00 The American Chart Show

#### Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1995

Captain Planet M.A.N.T.I.S. 2:30 3:15 Run The Gauntlet The Adventures Of The Black Stallion 4:30 Sky Trackers French Programme 5:00 Fractales 5:30 Serie Fruits Et Legumes Documentary Croisiere A La Decouverte Du Monde Le Joumal

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News Headlines

Ushuaia

7:35 You Bet Your Life

8:00 The Secret Of The Treasure Islands

The Bold And The Beautiful

9:10 True Blue

10:00 News In English

10:30 Movie: "Gun Smoke"

Starring: James Arness & Milbrun Stone 12:00 Never Come Back (Part II)

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 1995

2:00 Inspector Gadget

2:55 Ghost Writer Tomorrow's World

3:30 **Amazing Stories** 

The Adventures Of The Black Stallion

Sky Trackers

French Programme Fractales

5:30 Jeux

Le Trophee Campus

7:00 Le Journal

7:15 Magazine

Sports Et Musique

7:30 News Headlines

Anything For A Laugh

8:00 Amazing Races

8:25 The Bold And The Beautiful 9:10 Star Trek — The Next Generation

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U.K. celebrates 100 years of cinema

By Jim Kelsey

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With the Prince of Wales

is its patron, and Lord

Anenborough as chairman,

Cinema 100 is organising a

eariety of events throughout

1995/96 in the U.K. to com-

remorate the birth of world fema. The celebrations

range from education packs

for schools to regional exhi-

bitions, bioscope shows,

and plaques marking the

places associated with the K's einema history.

Plaques will go up at

England, where Brief

Encounter' was filmed and London's Polytechnic cine-

ma where the Lumière films

were first seen by Londoners in 1896. Over

the next few months, the

BBC and commercial tele-

vision stations will screen

programmes devoted to the

history of the silver screen

- a world of magic and

notable movies made over

the past 100 years. EMI will

issue a double album devot-

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N 1895, "Le Train arrivé" gallery devoted to the art of ras one of the first films the cinema, a special exhibiser to be screened publicly. is already paying fac venue was Le Grand homage to the international ate in Paris and the campioneers who, by transportramen were August and ing the viewer to a world of Agis Lumière. The huge fantasy and make-believe, team engine descends on really did made dreams he camera with terrifying peed, but at the original On Dec. 28, 1995, Le Grand Café is being dramatcreening the paying audipee did not wait to see the ically reconstructed in the Museum and the sepia, flickering prints of 11 silent ladies and gentlemen, resplendent in their elegant parelling gear, alight from the carriages. Many fainted: The rest fled from the audi-

films mad by the Lumière brothers will be screened commemorating world cinema's 100th birthday. But that date is challenged by the Germans who have their own claim to cinema history in the brothers Max and Emil Skladanosky, who gave their first film shows to a paying public at Berlin's Winnergarten on Nov. 1, 1895.

News Event

Also on show at MOMI will be a fragment of a first movie of a news event the boat race on the Tharnes, shot on March 30, 1895 by Robert William Paul (regarded as the father of the British film industry) and Birt Acres. Acres it was who presented the first-ever performance of films, including the 1895 Derby, in London on Jan. 14, 1896.

All the historic films will be screened authentically using equipment from the 1890s. Other U.K. inventions include a copy of the colour Kinemacolor, patented by George Albert Smith in 1906, and Eugene Lauste's "sound on film" systems

the Moving Image (MOMI), which came six years later.

a fascinating serpentine MOMI's birthday celebrations include lecturers and screenings of newlyrestored silents made in the last century. In July 1995, the Museum will show a Lumière projector and there will be a three day practical workshop in August where participants will be invited to make a film with an 1890s' camera. "Pre-cinema and the beginning of Film" is the title of a ten-day summer school which concentrates on the identification, conservation and restoration of early film and artefacts.

Lantern Slides

The Museum's ever changing exhibitions chan movie history from magic lantern slides of 200 years ago to the stroboscope, zoetrope and thaumatrope invented to show moving images in the 1820s. America's George Eastman is featured with the Kodak camera he developed in 1888 and by using 24 of them plus trip wires, British photographer Edward Muybridge proved that a horse does indeed lift all its feet off the floor momentarily when trotting. Why was that important in cinema history? It was something that could not be detected

the human eye so Muybridge's experiment opened the door to quicksequence screen photography which became possible Thomas Edison's invention of the motion picture camera in 1889. The MOMI exhibition how American

movie-makers, still reliant

Hollywood, But it was DW Griffith's 1915 epic, "Birth of a Nation," that revolutionised movie making. With imaginative lighting the director introduced the close-up, the flash-back, fade-in, fade-out and the star system. Mary Pickford was the first actress to receive world adulation followed by Valentino, Lillian Gish, Gloria Swanson and passionate vamps such as Theda Bara, Nazimova, Zasu Pitts and Pearl White.

By 1927, the industry was

already well established in the U.K. Europe and America when Al Jolson blacked his face and got on his knees to sing Mammy in "The Jazz Singer." The silent movies with their piano accompaniment and screen titles were over: "talkies" became big business, Although the MOMI story does not mention it. films became the most potent persuader of social behaviour ever invented by man. Hollywood taught the world to smoke, influenced life styles, hair styles and fashion and still remains one of the most powerful

Like the adjacent two National Film Theatres which will also be holding centenary programmes, the £12 million glass-and-steel, three-floored MOMI is ingeniously housed beneath the arches of Waterloo Bridge on London's South Bank. With its own cinema and 44 exhibition areas replicas of early make-shift studios vie for attention with ticket booths for "the on daylight lighting for their twopenny rush," costumes, films, moved to sunny the antics of Chaplin and

propaganda machines of all



Birt Acres, pipe in hand, sits on top of a carriage arriving at what is believed to be a photographic club in Barnet, near London, where he gave the first presentation of films in Britain on Jan. 10, 1896. Acres, who had worked with Robert William Paul in developing projectors, quarrelled with his colleague and retired from the infant film indus-

a cineaste's delight. It has its and make-up artists who, you for that famed cinematown company of actors who besides preparing you for a ic line: "I'm ready for my Feature

Buster Keaton — MOMI is play directors, cameramen screen test, will rehearse close-up, Mr. De Mille" —

## Sydney-Wood film studio to be one of the world biggest

SYDNEY (AFP) — Media nagnate Rupert Murdoch is o build the biggest film stulios in the world outside Hollywood on a prime site zere costing two million Australian dollars (\$1.5 milion) a year, New South Wales State Premier Bob

Carr said. Details of the project, lescribed by Mr. Carr as "a najor win for this country," vere revealed as 300 lemonstrators stopped the raffic on the street outside he state parliament to rotest about the studios. Most were residents of omes surrounding the land, ormerly the Sydney

howground, who object to

film studio and entertain-

dubbed "Sydney-Wood", complete with fast food outlets and noisy fun-shows.

The project, which represents an 11-year, \$120 million investment for New South Wales, will generate 1.600 direct and indirect jobs a year and generate around \$85 million in production, Mr. Carr said.

The total value to the state would exceed \$200 million a year after five years and the complex would make Sydney home to the biggest film studios in the world outside the United States," he said.

"This is a strategic gain in planning and investment terms for the state." Mr. Murdoch, chairman of begin paying rent from

minimum of \$2 million, or five per cent of gross yearly whichever is takings, greater, subject to a fouryearly review.

The Australian-born tycoon would also benefit what Mr. Carr described as a "modest" \$7.8 million incentive package including land tax, payroll and stamp duty conces-

The 40-year lease, which is expected to be signed shortly, would commence from early next year, with a 10-year option.

Mr. Carr said the studio would be fully operational by the end of 1997.

The fox group would News Corp., would pay a when it took full occupation of the site in 1999. The film studios would occupy not less than 10 hectares (25 acres) of the 29 hecture (72 acre) site with an additional three or four hectares to be occupied by

the entertainment complex. Mr. Carr told reporters he was confident critics of the project - including those demonstrating on the street outside - would be silenced when they saw the benefits inherent in the development.

"It will be like every other significant project," Mr. Carr said. "When it's finished and when people see it they'll be delighted, and that goes for people who

Shaheen, a bear of a man in a black leather jacket, sobs amid the debris of Afghanistan's remaining film studio.

At 10:45 a.m. last Saturday, while filming a scene for his latest movie, a rocket fired by Islamic Taliban rebels came crashing through a window and killed virtually everyone on the set. The film was ironically

entitled No Survival." The camera was running when the rocket landed and the impact of the blast has been captured on film.

It was the deadliest single strike on a day when militiamen rockets and rained artillery shells on the capital, killing 36 civil-

Nine people in the studio died on the spot,

year-old owner of Qais Film Studios, the only private film production company still operating in this war-torn country. was on the set when the rocket landed.

The missile smashed a hole through a six-inchthick (15-centimetrethick) floor made of concrete and peppered the studio with jagged bits of

Shaheen was thrown out of a window by the force of the blast but miraculously emerged without a scratch.

"I was stunned but not hurt," he said. "Then I looked into the room. "There was blood everywhere and people were

missing heads and arms and Sharif

star

Movie

Tragic ending for Afghan Film Studio including director Hamyoon Sadozai, one of Afghanistan's best-known film-makers.

Shaban the burly 30
Khairkhwa, 45, tamed for his Sylvester Stallone-type action roles, was among the dead along with another top actor, Atiq Ulah Zahoor.

This is all that is left of "This is all that is left of the stall that it is left of t Khairkhwa, 45, famed for sift through the broken

The heroine, a 21-yearold up-and-coming actress named Zarghuna, was also

Actor Nasim Sahar was decapitated. His 11-yearold daughter, who had come to watch her father on the set, died too.

Noor Hamid, a cameraman described as a man with a "golden eye," was killed while another camera operator was grievously

wounded. Two other crew-members were killed while actor Wais Bahram is clinging to

life in hospital having lost both legs and both eyes. Another victim - a medical doctor and part-time actor named Yusuf - is in

a coma. Two of the dead were

newly engaged to be mar-Shaheen bends down to

Nasim Sahar," he said holding up a mangled pair of steel eve-glass frames.

"And this is all that is left of his daughter," he adds, staring down at a girl's hair clip in his hand.

Breaking down in tears, Shaheen asked: "What did we ever do to the Taliban? This is the work of butchers.

"Artists in other countries have lives full of joy," he said. "But ours lead only to death. And we don't even know why we're dying."

In the studio garden is a heap of blood-stained armchairs, broken tables, shreds of film posters and mangled props.

"I am ruined, bankrupt," Shaheen said. "I don't even have anything left to give to the families of the dead."

### Ken Russell: Living proof that nothing succeeds like excess

By Paul Majendie Reuter

ONDON — Ken Russell. ace dubbed the oldest :nfant terrible" in the film orld, is living proof at the se of 68 that nothing suceds like excess.

He has changed Long the Silver into a woman T his new production easure Island. His latest ife plays the pirate as a oss between Mac West d Marilyn Monroe. fletty Baynes wears an

ificial leg while singing d dancing in the musical rsion of the children's ssic for British televia. The parrot on her he creator of erotically

rged films like Women Love and The Devils has w had three wives and ht children. Critics pan work as overblown but

isure Island. ight it was rather sexist of Stevenson to have an allmale cast of pirates," Russell said.

The reworking doesn't stop there. The Admiral Benbow Inn is now the One-Arm Bandit and Long Jane dances with a crew of snow-white style sea cooks like Sleazy and Speedy."

Traditionalists may shudder but the old warhorse of British cinema, who first made his name in the 1960's with sensitive television bio-pics of famous composers, isn't the slightest bit

worried. Wearing a strawbery jacket to match his florid conplexion and sporting white hair that makes him look like an alternative Father Christmas, Russell sits contentedly in an Italian restaurant in Soho, London's sex

The man famed for his bizarre sex images on celluloid happily ticks off the string of projects he has

lined up. First comes a French-Polish co-production. Then he is off to direct two films in Hollywood. He is doing a 12-part radio series on film

Mediterranean. He is visiting professor of film at the Southampton Institute in the

> English port city where he was born. Music remains his first love: "If I had been a great conductor, I wouldn't be making films. But as I cannot read a note of music, there is little chance of

> > His critical reputation has been on the slide since the heyday of his acclaimed films like Billion Dollar Brain with Michael Caine and The Boy Friend with

> > Twiggy. He is defiant: "I don't care what they say. I care for five seconds. People wouldn't want to see my films if they thought they were crup. The Americans and the French don't have a problem with me. It is only the English

Few can forget the taboobreaking scene of Alan Bates and Oliver Reed wrestling naked by the fire in the 1969 version of D.H. Lawrence's Women In

Double Oscar winner Glenda Jackson, a stalwart He is hosting a music of his early box office suc-

nity to work with Ken must be grasped with both

hands." Russell married Baynes, 30 years his junior, in a ceremony he scripted himself. The couple were sprinkled with earth, incense and sea water. They now have a two-year-old son.

He married his second wife, photographer Vivian Jolly, on the Queen Mary at Long Beach, Actor Anthony Perkins of Psycho fame officiated as the priest.

"I keep meaning to write the script for my funeral. Maybe all film directors should be stuffed and mounted on display in the National Film Institute," he

This great survivor can certainly dish out the vitriol. Stephen Spielberg may make the world's most popular films, Walt Disney may be revered for his cartoons. To Russell, they stink.

Disney is not spared: "The animals in Lion King look like American kids, I liked Popeye and Felix the Cat. They had character. But Disney is just Christmas card stuff."

### Bon Jovi — Squeaky clean rockers who try to look mean

By Belinda Goldsmith Reuter

MELBOURNE — Hiding behind dark glasses and weighed down by leather, the American rock group Bon Jovi tried hard to look mean as they faced the Australian press.

Lead singer Jon Bon Jovi. the proud lather of two children, kept his cool when asked if there was anything controversial about the band from New Jersey.

"You just don't know," Bon Jovi said with a knowing grin, sipping on his mineral water.

Oh, yes we do. After 12 years in the international charts with hit songs including Bed Of Roses and Blaze Of Glory, Bon Jovi now keeps out of the headlines for anything but its music.

The best gossip to come out of the U.S. rockers in years was the relationship and then marriage of guitarist Richie Stephen Sambora to actress heather

Locklear, who stars in the highly rated U.S. glamour soap, Melrose Place.

Jon Bon Jovi is married with children, keyboardist David Bryan is married and his wife had twins last year, and drummer Tico Torres became engaged this year to model Eva Herzigova.

The band's original bassist Alec John Such left the group last year and even that was not worthy of a headline, with the band declaring the departure amiçable.

He has since been replaced for the time being by sessions musician Hugh McDonald.

"(Such) had grown apart from the rest of us and it wasn't particularly productive for the future of the band," Sambora told a press conference as the band's 1995 world tour to promote its album these days nears its end.

Having already played in Asia, Japan, Europe, the United States. South America, New Zealand and his time away, the singer

before heading home for Christmas.

In Australia the band is supported by being Canadian actor Keanu Reeves' grunge/rock band Dogstar.

"It is good for them as they are so excited about the idea of being on the road and being in a rock band," Bon Jovi said.

Even Bon Jovi's activities away from the band make dreary listening. Torres is a keen artist and pilot. Bryan spends his spare time "flying" and with his family. Bon Jovi said he spends his

spare time "sleeping". Well, he can afford to, having made Forbes magazine's list of the 40-highest paid entertainment industry figures in 1994-95. The blonde rocker, once voted seventh sexiest man in the world, was rated 38th with his income of \$9 million in

1995. But rather than sleeping

now Australia, the group has actually branched out has only South Africa left recently and tried his hand at acting.

"It is a way to have fun, doing what I do in a different field," Bon Jovi said. He stars in the romantic

feature film Moonlight And Valentino, written by Neil Simon's daughter Ellen, playing a painter who sweeps newly-widowed Elizabeth Perkins off her

The film, being released internationally this year, Whoopi stars Goldberg, Kathleen Turner and Gwyneth Paltrow.

Bon Jovi said he is making another film in January, an erotic thriller called The Leading Man, directed by John Duigan who made Sirens.

In this, or so the publicity blurb says, Bon Jovi plays a charismatic character with a magnetic affect on those around him. including co-stars Anna Galiena and Kamke

Agence France Presse LOS ANGELES — Adrena-

lin-pumping experiences like war, rape and serious accidents crystallise memories, and now University of California scientists are developing drugs to stimulate or suppress recall.

Two scientists at the University of California at Irvine (UCI) say drugs can be used to stimulate and, perhaps, suppress the "stress hormone" produced by the amygdala portion of the brain that enhances

The link between emotional stress and memory was established by James

McGaugh, UCI's director of Centre for Neurobiology of Learning and Memory while researcher Larry Cahill isolated the hormone's effect in humans.

New drugs now under development by pharmaceutical companies in cooperation with scientists could someday stimulate hormones to improve the memof victims of Alzheimer's disease, brain

damage and aging.
Conversely, Mr. Cahill plans to test drugs soon that block production of the hormones in the hopes of reducing the emotional impact of horrifying for example, police or rescue workers at a serious plane crash who are unable to shake the recurring, gruesome mental images of body parts, rendering them incapable of working, Mr.

McGaugh said. Between one and 14 per cent of the country's population of 262 million people suffer post traumatic stress that includes serious mental ailments due to haunting memories from a traumatic experience, Mr. Cahill said.

And up to 60 per cent of the population have suffered some kind of trauma like rape, a crash, a mugging or stage and the rigorous pro-even ugly divorces that tocol of the federal drug

This could someday help, cause recurring nightmares and lingering distress, Mr. McGaugh said.

With available drugs as well as those being developed, Mr. McGaugh said, "it should be possible to block or reduce those strong and lasting memories."

"This is certainly going to appen." said Mr. happen," said McGaugh, who began using rats to test his theories on the relation between strong emotions and heightened memory some 40 years ago

as a graduate student. Drugs can take up to 10 years to pass through the research and development are marketed commercially. Mr. McGaugh said.

Shaping emotion and recall is the stuff of science fiction and producing a memory-altering drug poses ethical questions that Mr. McGaugh wants answered before the drug hits the mar-

"Who's to say who should take a drug and how do we keep it from being widely abused by people who don't need it but want an edge?" Mr. McGaugh asked.

There is also the delicate matter of dosage, Mr. McGaugh said. At one level some experimental drugs now being used can heightdosage crosses a certain threshold, they can be toxic. UCI established the link

between heightened memory and emotions by conducting a study in which one group of people was told a moving, slide-illustrated story about a critically injured boy who underwent surgery to re-attach his feet.

The other group was given a blander version in which the boy simply watched a disaster drill and went home. Half of each group was given the drug Propranolol to block the stress bormone prior to the experiment.

A week later, subjects who

administration before they en memory but once the experienced the emotional story without the beta blocker remembered more of it — especially the more emotionally-charged parts - than those who viewed the plain version.

Taking the experiment one step further, Mr. Cahill wanted to find out how memory would be affected if the amygdala hormones were suppressed. Not surprisingly, no one offered their amygdala for experimentation.

But through a colleague in Germany, Mr. Cahill found one of only several known victims of a genetically damaged amygdala. Tests showed that without the

stress hormone the memory was no longer stimulated by emotionally-charged events.

"I am in new territory," said the 35-year-old Cahill.
"I credit myself with being an explorer. But I must be very cautious."

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Cahill will work with the Veterans Administration On the near norizon, Mr.
Cahill will work with the
Veterans Administration in
Long Beach to give the
drugs to women who have
been sexually assaulted
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"This will be an actual test of our work," he said. "It has a high chance of success with a low level of risk."

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## Women with cystic fibrosis having babies

By Mary Esch The Associated Press

GLENS FALLS, New York — Having struggled with cystic fibrosis (CF) all her life, Sharon Dingman knew pregnancy would be risky. Even if she succeeded in having a baby, she might not live to see her child through grade

After all, when she was diagnosed at birth with the incurable, smothering disease, she wasn't expected even to live through childhood. When she met her husband, John, medical advances had stretched the life expectancy for people with cystic fibrosis to 21 years. She was 21 already.

"All the accounts I had read about pregnancy and CF were very negative," said Mrs. Dingman, now 26. "The women" often died within the first year of giving birth, or got very sick during pregnancy."

As she spoke, her fingers trailed over the silky hair and chubby toes of her infant son, Ian. He was born June 11 at Albany Medical Centre Hospital.

The birth was celebrated as one of the first for a woman with CF in the hospital's 146-year history. Within several weeks, two more mothers with CF gave birth to healthy

Dr. Anthony Malanga, head of pulmonary medicine at the hospital, said the successful pregnancies signify optimism

that CF patients can live full lives if their symptoms are Diograms in Hoosick Falls, had to contend with the threat carefully controlled through new treatments.

Cystic fibrosis is the most common inherited disease among Caucasians. One in 20 people carry the gene responsible for the disorder, and one in 2.000 babies have CF, according to Dr. David M. Orenstein, director of the cystic fibrosis centre at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

A few decades ago, most children with CF died before their second birthday, Dr. Orenstein said. Now the life expectancy is near age 30, with many people surviving into their 40s.

The disease causes the lungs to become clogged with thick, sticky mucus that provides a breeding ground for bacteria, leading to frequent infections such as bronchitis and pneumonia.

tion, and daily physical therapy to expel mucus. They are frequently hospitalised when an infection sets in. The pancreas also is affected, causing problems absorbing

Patients require continuous antibiotics to stave off infec-

nutrients from food. Thus, people with CF are usually thin and often malnourished. Therapeutic advancements include new antibiotics, mucus-thinners and anti-inflammatory drugs, improved

methods of loosening and expelling mucus, and enzyme tablets to improve nutrition. Joanne Washburn, 24, who lives 48 kilometres east of the

of miscarriage caused by a weak cervix as well as the debilitating symptoms of CF.

"I grew up wanting a family," she said. "The doctor said it would be hard to get pregnant," because the thick mucus of CF hinders conception. A year after she married her husband Tim, she discovered she was pregnant.

Terribly sick with CF symptoms and unable to gain weight, Mrs. Washburn lost her first baby. She had another

miscarriage a year later. During ber third pregnancy, she developed asthma and

was hospitalised three times for lung infections. Toward the end of the pregnancy I got so big it restricted my breathing," she said. "They put me in an oxygen tent

at 29 weeks." Her son Andrew was born by caesarean section six weeks prematurely on June 20.

Caring for a newborn as well as herself is difficult, said Mrs. Washburn, who doesn't work outside the home. She spends four to six hours a day giving herself treatments with bronchodilators, antibiotics, steroids, mucus-thinners and

chest-pounding exercises that help her cough up secretions. Mrs. Dingman, who works full time as a respiratory therapist, and her husband, who manages a shoe store, said they rely on help from their extended families within the com-

A STATE OF THE Both infants tested negative for CF. The parents were offered genetic testing to determine the odds of passing the disorder on

If both parents had CF, the child also would have it. If the father was a carrier of one of the 32 most common defects in the CF gene, there would be a 50 per cent chance the child would inherit the disease. If the father tested negative, there would be a one-in-500 chance the child would have

If the mother's lung function is good, pregnancy doesn't make cystic fibrosis progress more rapidly, said Dr. Renee Samuelson, a high-risk obstetrician at the medical centre.

"But if pulmonary function is low," Dr. Samuelson said, "the stress of pregnancy can cause respiratory problems for both the mother and baby."

Mothers with CF may have trouble meeting the fetus' nutritional needs as well as her own, Dr. Samuelson said. and there is an increased risk of diabetes.

Medical researchers hope gene therapy will cure CF by replacing the defective gene with a normal one. Dr. Malanga said. Scientists already have constructed the corrected gene, he said, but have not found the right "biological syringe." such as a virus, to carry the gene into the

## finds fainting a sign of possible health problems

By Daniel Q. Haney The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, California -People who faint face a submal risk of beart attacks and death, according to the largest U.S. study of faint-Although fainting can be a

sign of heart trouble and stroke, these conditions did appear to s**k** 

LIVING UP TO THEIR NAMES

tors call syncope. The research, conducted by Dr. Ming Hui Chen and

colleagues from the Framingham Heart Study in stantially higher than nor- Massachusetts, was presented at the annual scientific

"If you are young and don't have any risk for heart disease or stroke, your prognosis is really pretty good. Dr. Chen said. "But there is continued with what docmorbidity and mortality

associated with syncope, 543 people between 1971 even if it seems to be a and 1990. benign case."

episodes of fainting among for every 1.000 years of life. the 8,200 residents of Dr. Chen said this makes Framingham, Massachumeeting of the American Heart Association. setts, who participate in the study and get physical exams every other year.

The researchers believe this provides the first accurate estimate of just how common fainting really is. identified 801 episodes of fainting among

They said this works out The researchers looked at to nine episodes of fainting fainting considerably less common than was suggested by earlier studies based on less broad cross-sections, such as people going to emergency rooms.

> During the 19 years studied, those who fainted were 30 per cent more likely to

die from all causes and 39 fainting is rare until about per cent more likely to suffer a heart attack or die from coronary heart disease.

faints were caused by stress, so-called vasovagal episodes, such as passing out while giving blood. In one-third of the cases, doctors could not pinpoint the cause. Other less common causes of fainting include heart trouble and strokes.

The study also found that

age 65. Among other reports presented at the meeting:

Hospital in Birmingham, England, found a strong link between infection with chlamydia, a common sexustroke. They found that 48 per cent of stroke victims tested had been exposed to

cent of people hospitalised for other reasons. - An Aspirin skin patch.

similar to those used to About one-quarter of the — Doctors from City deliver estrogen and other drugs, appears to work. Testing on 10 volunteers at the Centre for Cardio-vascular Sciences in Dublin. ally transmitted disease, and Ireland, found that the patch suppressed platelets, the blood cells that make clots. The patch may allow people chlamydia during their to true Aspirin as province lives, compared with 20 per heart attacks without risking

look for calcium deposits in the heart arteries, are prov-

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ing to be an effective way to spot heart trouble. In a study at the University of California at Los Angeles, doctors scanned 519 people. The seven who died the following year all had substantially higher than average amounts of calcium in their

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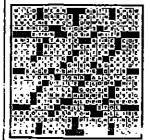
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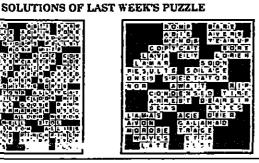
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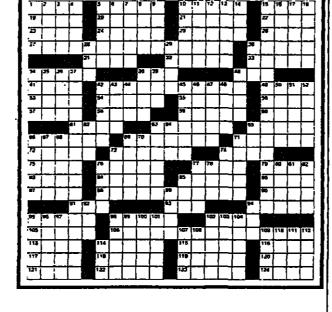


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## Experimental drug fights AIDS-like virus in monkeys

By Joanne Kenen Reuter

WASHINGTON — An experimental drug has protected monkeys exposed to an AIDS-like virus, raising hopes of creating an emergency treatment to prevent the AIDS virus from establishing itself in exposed humans, scientists said.

If the leap can be made from monkeys to humans - and that has not yet been proved — one of the most promising areas for the drug is in preventing women from passing the virus to their babies during labour childbirth, scientists

It could also be a lifesaver for health care or rescue workers pricked with a contaminated needle or sprayed with AIDS-tainted blood. It may even help rape victims avoid infection, said Che- to resist the drug, Dr. Tsai

Chung Tsai, lead author of said. the report appearing in Friday's edition of the journal Science.

"This data is very encouraging," Dr. Tsai, a pathologist and veterinarian at the University of Washington Regional Primate Research Centre, said in a telephone interview. PMPA, as it is called, "is

the most effective drug we've seen." he added. PMPA is one of the new antiviral compounds known as nucleotide analogues. Like AZT, the best known anti-AlDS drug, it blocks an

enzyme needed for HIV

cells to reproduce. The treatment worked when begun up to 24 hours after exposure to simian immunodeficiency virus (SIV). And unlike other AIDS drugs, there are no signs yet the virus mutates

PMPA is licensed to Gilead Sciences, a biotechnology company in Foster City, California. The company said in a statement Thursday it was conducting additional preclinical testing in preparation for human trials.

PMPA was given to 25 monkeys for four weeks. The researchers experimented with different timetables, starting the injections from two days before exposure to 24 hours after exposure to SIV, a monkey virus similiar to HIV that causes AIDS in humans.

It safely blocked infection in all of the treated monkeys, and they stayed virusfree during a year of follow-

In contrast, a control group of 10 monkeys were some promise in that area as all infected within three well.

"Such complete protection with no toxicity is unprecedented in the monkey model of AIDS and suggests a potential role for PMPA in preventing HIV infection in health care workers or others accidentally exposed to the virus," Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious diseases, said in a statement. His government agency

helped fund the research. The experiment showed that the drug stopped SIV from establishing itself in the monkeys. It did not show how effective it would be as a treatment in animals already infected, although some preliminary animal research in California and Washington a showing

### Lab mouse with man-made ear holds promise

By Lori Valigra Reuter

BOSTON - Scientists who

successfully transplanted a man-made human ear onto a mouse said the work holds promise for future transplants for children with birth defects and accident victims.

The ear was grown in a laboratory dish by researchers at the University of Massachusetts Medical Centre in Worcester and successfully grafted onto a mouse's back, "There is a shortage of

organs now, so we have to

harvest them," Dr. Yilin

research at the university's

medical centre, Reuters. "In the future we'll be

able to get a very small piece of tissue from a patient, expand it in vitro in a culture to get lots of cells and put it on an absorbable polymer (a fabric-like structure) to make any shape, like an ear or nose," he said.

To make the ear, the scientists extracted cartilage from the shoulder joint of a calf and put it in a culture disk to grow more cells. The key is getting enough cells to seed the polymer. It takes about 50 million cells to grow and produce carti-Cao, assistant professor of lage," Dr. Cao said.

The cells, in an aqueous

solution, were then put onto told a special polymer already shaped like a human ear. Dr. Cao said the biodegradable polymer, much like a fabric, comes in different strengths. Much like a sponge, the polymer absorbs the cartilage cells to create what

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to ensure the ear could be attached to a human, the scientists transplanted it into a hairless mouse by making a tiny incision on the mouse's back and sticking the ear in through the skin.

After a few days the looks like a real human ear. mouse's skin adhered to the a process that takes about a ear, keeping it in place.

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northeast Cairo suburb of Heliopolis and one in the southern city of Assiut. A young Jordanian man broke his leg jumping out of a winwas cut briefly. dow and a woman in the Egyptian city of Suez did the same running down stairs. In Saudi Arabia a Pakistani

worker was killed when a chank of cement fell on him in the Gulf of Agaba city of Haql, while a five-year-old child died in nearby Bida. Twenty others were injured. The earthquake was centred on the Gulf of Aqaba, off Dahab in the Sinai.

It was felt in Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Gaza, Lebanon, Syria and Saudi Arabia. Most of the other injunes

were in Eilat, where 13 people were treated, mostly for cuts. At a student hostel in Assint seven people were injured in a stampede to get The quake, which lasted

more than one minute from 6.15 a.m. (0415 GMT), woke people all over the Middle

dds of passing a Throughout asset.

Tened citizens called police. ambulance services and fire gations. In Palestinian-ruled Gaza city witnesses said people fled their homes. But in Cairo, where more

than 550 people were killed in an earthquake in 1992, residents showed little sign of panic, despite masonry falling into the street in parts of the city. A four-storey building col-

lapsed in the heavily populated suburb of Shoubra but it had been evacuated months earlier because building inspectors said it was unsafe. In central Cairo, the top three metres of a minaret fell on to the street in a mass of tangled concrete and steel

but no one was there to be Israeli army radio, reporting from Eilat, said police

closed a road in the city where a crack 400 metres long had appeared. Tourists evacuated hotels and dozens of houses were damaged, water pipes broke and power

> The Israeli news agency ITIM said ultra-orthodox Rabbis in Safed had warned of an earthquake and special prayers were offered in synagogues on Tuesday night to ward off disaster.

> At Eilat, electricity was cut, hotels were evacuated and some buildings were damaged.

A spokeswoman for the Sport Hotel said: "One guest, an Israeli man who was quite old, got frightened and had a heart attack" and died. Dr. Zvi Epstein, director of the Yoseftal Hospital, said 67-year-old Israeli was brought dead to the hospital after suffering from a heart attack. Guests at the hotel where the man died said he had carried his invalid wife down flights of stairs.

Mr. Epstein said a second man was hospitalised in serious condition, suffering from an asthma artack and 12 others were treated for shock, chest pains and other minor injuries.

"It felt like the walls were moving and the bricks were falling out, we wanted it to stop, and called to God please make it stop," said Eilat resident Judy Meshu-

"It was awful, it was terrible. And now everyone is afraid there will be another

A spokeswoman for the Eilat municipality said that at least 50 houses and apartments and up to eight hotels had been damaged. The main road leading to the hotels was

also cracked. "Our engineers are checking the damage at the moment, but we think it will run into millions of dollars," she

Agaba distributed pamphlets

in schools and institutions to

calm the citizens down after

the Seismological Centre in

Amman assured them that

The earthquake, which was

there was no more danger.

centred 110 kilometres South

of Aqaba, was also felt

throughout the Kingdom,

Zuhair Al Issa, professor of

the country but all of them

were minor tremors, measur-

ing 2 or 3 on the Richter

Asked if other earthquakes

are likely to hit the country in

the near future, Dr. Al Issa

said that there was a chance

that further quakes could

occur but they would not be

occurrence of further tremors

"Nobody can rule out the

The last major earthquake

scale," Dr. Al Issa added.

of Jordan, said.

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"Several aftershocks struck

#### One killed in Aqaba quake

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centre of the main quake," the statement added. In Amman, which also felt the quake, one man was admitted to a hospital suffering from a broken leg after he jumped into the street through the window of his

house. The Director of the Civil Defence Department in Agaba, Colonel Omar Tarawneh, told the Jordan Times that although the quake was a powerful one. not much material damage was reported apart from some cracks and shattered glass in some buildings and

hotels. A receptionist at the Coral Beach Hotel in Aqaba said that there were some damage in the dining room but nobody was hurt.

but they would not be des-Mohammad Ghanem, a retructive, as we assume, the ceptionist at the Holiday main shock has already Hotel in Aqaba, said that the occurred." he added. quake was strong but there were no casualties or damage

said Mr. Tarawneh.

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Mr. De Charette insisted

Paris "used a lot of weight.

These included a piedge to

a unified Sarajevo, as well as

commitments over refugees

being allowed to return to

their homes, and the exclu-

sion of war criminals from

holding public office, he said.

Paris was also quick to

announce that it will send

7,500 soldiers for the 60,000-

and the first scientifically recorded geophysical movein the hotel. ment in the region struck the News agencies reported area in July 1927. It mea-sured 6 on the Richter scale, that at the time when the quake struck the Gulf of Aqaba, the power was cut at the Natural Resources Authority Jericho. resulting from a failure at the generating station in Aqaba that provides 40 per cent of the Kingdom's electricity

the southern part of the Araneeds, including some areas bian Peninsula to Turkey through the Dead Sea-Wadi of Amman. The power was later res-Araba-Jordan Valley region. tored on support generators. People in Aqaba were that the ancient Grecoterrified as the quake was very strong, but thank God Roman city was destroyed in now the situation is normal."

#### He added that the CDD in Bosnia deal raises hopes

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not the result of pressure and force which will implement the peace accord in Bosnia. diplomat bullying. Ukraine's President A foreign ministry spokes man added that France plans Leonid Kuchma, whose to propose a stability pact for country has played a notable role in UNPROFOR, said: the Balkans during the Paris peace conference, thought The signing of a peace likely to be held next month. accord is not yet peace. Let

Egypt and the Arab League welcomed the peace

treaty. "Égypt welcomes the agreement and we hope it will put an end to a conflict which threatened security and represented a violation of human rights," Foreign Minister Amr Musa said.

The Bosnian people, he said, must be allowed "to enjoy their legitimate rights to sovereignty over their land and as a member of the world community." Mr. Musa said. Mr. Musa underlined the importance of trying war criminals who are responsible for the most norrible crimes the international community has seen, especially ethnic strong NATO peacekeeping cleansing.



A group of Iraqi women try to obtain medicine for their children (AFP photo)

### Iraq lobbies to soften U.N.'s oil terms

By Leon Barkho Reutes

BAGHDAD - Pressure is mounting on Iraq to accept United Nations terms allowing it to sell limited amounts of oil to pay for badly needed food and Baghdad is eager to find a compromise formula, diplomats said.

Facing acute food shor-tages and dwindling supplies of medicine, Iraq is hoping to have some of the U.N. terms allowing it to sell limited amounts of oil softened or removed, the diplomats said.

Iraq has repeatedly rejected the U.N. conditions for it to sell limited amounts of oil to pay for humanitarian needs as a violation of

its sovereignty.
But diplomats say several

bers of the U.N. Security Council, are pressing Baghdad to accept the condi-

"An interesting dialogue is taking place. Iraq is desperate to buy food and medicine and the world cannot just watch as millions of Iragis continue suffering from sanctions," said one diplomat. Iragis are struggling

under crippling U.N. sanc-tions — imposed after its August 1990 invasion of Kuwait - putting the question of limited oil sales under sharper focus. 'Starvation may not occur as long as the govern-

ment has the ability to provide rations. But once that ability is not there, famine will strike," Iraq's U.N. coordinator, Mohammad Zejjari, told Reuters.

countries, including mem-

the Middle East Section at the French foreign ministry, met Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz and Foreign Minister Mohammad Saeed Al Sahaf on Monday in a bid to persuade Baghdad to agree to the U.N. terms on

oil sales. France, Russia and China, perceived as being more sympathetic among major powers to Iraq, have urged it to agree to the U.N. conditions, the diplomats

> The Arab League was also trying to persuade Iraq to enter into direct negotiations with the U.N. to dis cuss its terms for partial oil sales, the diplomats added.

> Recent events, including insight into Iraq's military machine by two senior defectors in August, placed Iraq under greater U.N. scrutiny. Coupled with

humanitarian needs these factors are apparently pushing Baghdad to seek a compromise solution with the U.N., the diplomats said.

The U.N. Special Commission (UNSCOM) disarming Iraq under the 1991 Gulf war ceasefire said more time and effort would be needed to complete its mission in the country.

U.N. inspectors need to sift through hundreds of thousands of written pages of data, part of Iraq's startling revelations made following the defection in Au gust to Jordan of Lieutenant-General Hussein Kamel Hassan, the mastermind behind Iraq's military and civil indus-

"The general set back lifting of the oil embargo by

more," said a diplomat. Senior Iraqi officials have hinted that they would agree to limited oil sales worth \$1 billion every three months if conditions they say violate Iraq's sovereign-

at least one year if not

ty were revised. "There is a sense of frustration in Baghdad. They (officials) say the U.N. is paying no attention to their demands. It is merely dictating them," said another diplomat.

"In my opinion, there is chance that Iraq may agree, but not before some of its demands are addressed. he said. "Of course they will be happy if no curbs are attached but that is really far feteched at the moment.

Iraq would like the U.N. to reconsider its intrusive mechanism of sales and distribution of food and also give it some freedom to decide the export outlets.

It insists that its acceptance of any sales should not delay implementation of a paragraph in the major ceasefire resolution allowing it free oil sales once UNSCOM completes its mission.

Baghdad also wants any shipments of food to its Kurdish rebels foes in northern Iraq to be under its supervision.

The Iraqi dinar steadied on Tuesday on news that Mr. Bouchard was trying to persuade fragi leaders to sell limited amounts of oil under U.N. conditions.

Baghdad traders said demand for the U.S. dollar slackened and food prices suddenly stopped surging when news spread of Mr. Bouchard's arrival.

Brettell said his Russian

colleagues always com-

plained about the lack of

money, but he insisted

homes like his could be run

### Abandoned children face grim life in Russia

By Susanne Hoell Reuter

MOSCOW - Tima was four years old when he started living rough. His mother drank, his father was in prison. He slept alone in rat-infested cellars in the north of Moscow and

had been sexually abused. killed about 300 people and caused heavy damage in Lesia's life was not much easier. Her mother died of The quakes in the region alcohol poisoning when she are linked to the "Arabian was nine. She went to live in the forests near Moscow Plate" which stretches from where she are berries and talked to animals instead of

people. Her language consisted of moos and mews and she Ruins in Jerash indicate hardly spoke a word of Rus-

sian.
"We never thought we an earthquake linked to the could find anyone to look movement of the Arabian after her again," said Brian Brettell, a British social worker who now runs a private children's home in the northern Moscow district of Yushnoye Medvedkovo.

Denis Bouchard, head of

"But we have found a family in the country which will take her in."

Tima and Lesia are two of perhaps hundreds of thousands of neglected, abandoned and abused Russian children.

But they are the lucky ones — housed and fed in a former state kindergarten now transformed by Britain's Waverly Trust charity into a childrens' home.

Maria Gaidash, a deputy in the State Duma Lower House of parliament, said recently some two million Russian children under 14 suffered physical or mental

"Up to 10 per cent of them die," she told the newspaper Nezavisimaya Gazeta, painting a grim pic-ture of violence, poverty and social disintegration in post-communist Russia.

Gaidash, a member of the centre-left Women of Russia Party, said about 50,000 cildren fled their homes each year and 2,000 killed themselves rather than face their up to their tragic domestic circumst-

She urged the public and parliament to spend more money to fight domestic violence and to provide more help for children from broken or disfunctional homes. The 170 shelters for abused and abandoned children in Russia were not enough, she said.

Brettell agreed there was not enough support for these children in Russia, especially in the poor Mos-

cow district where his childrens' home occupies a two-storey building surrounded by high-rise apartment blocks.

"There are some 150,000 people living here - and among them about 2,000 children who need help," said Brettell, a teacher from nothern England, who pre-viously worked in London and Glasgow.

Some 60 of them now live in family-like groups in the old kindergarten. They study in classes as small as five or six pupils, learn signing and computers, play games and run cheerfully around the big, now snowcovered garden.

Most still show signs of their former ordeal. Some look smaller than their age and Brettell said many had behavioural, learning and nervous problems. There have been two or three cases of drug addiction.

The children themselves are reluctant to talk about their past. But they clearly enjoy their new life away from the streets and cellars, where they were often injured and abused.

"They help us here. It's nice. We have loss of friends," said Oxana, one of the girls in the home. Economic reforms, which started in Russia in 1992. have led to poverty and unemployment. The welfare system is groaning at the seams and people in need often have to seek

help from families and friends because the state can no longer provide. Officials figures say 40 million Russians earn less

than the minimum needed

on a reasonable budget. He employs 62 people social workers, teachers, cooks, cleaners and guards buys food and clothes for the children, and organises outings from a monthly budget of about \$20,000. That is not much more than \$300 per child a

month. But nearly everyday he has to turn away children seeking a refuge. He said he expected the situation to get worse in the next few years, with politicians closing their eyes to the social situation.

"Politicians here put their head in the sand," he

### Anti-abortion forces supreme in Republican party

By Alan Elsner Reuter

WASHINGTON - The collapse of Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter's U.S. presidential campaign confirms the dominance of anti-abortion forces in the

Republican Party.

Defenders of abortion rights cite years of polling data showing that a majority of Republican voters support a woman's right to terminate a pregnancy. But the party establishment is increasingly controlled by passionate opponents of abortion, many of them members of the powerful Christian coalition, and republican officeholders at

the state and national level

are overwhelmingly anti-

"Our supporters don't do

abortion.

politics every minute of their spare time. Weekends, they take their kids to baseball games and soccer tournaments. The right-wingers take their kids to political conventions, said Ann Stone of the Republican Coalition for

"They now have full control of the party in 14 states and partial control in several more," she said. Mary Crisp, a former co-

chair of the Republican Party, said abortion rights supporters had no one to blame but themselves. "We haven't organised ourselves. We stood on the sidelines and left a vacuum and the anti-abortion forces have moved in to fill it," she said.

Specter campaign officials said the three-term senator would formally end his hid for the Republican presidential nomination on Wednesday because his fundraising had dried up. His withdrawal leaves eight official candidates in the race, all of the a opponents of abortior, rights with

varying degrees of fervor. Among the top three, Senate majority leader Bob Dole, the frontrunner. wants to repeal the Roe V. Wade supreme court abortion rights decision through a constitutional amendment.

Texas Sen. Phil Gramm says he would end federal funding of abortion and of groups that advocate it and support actions of states to restrict abortion rights gradually. Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander says he is against any federal government involvement in abortions, either for or against, but he personally believes abortion is Wrong and supports the right of states to restrict the proce-

None of these three has explicity ruled out picking a defender of abortion rights as their vice presidential running mate. But that is not the case for two other candidates with substantial support of activists -- conservative commanetator Pa: Buchanan and radio talk

show host Alan Keyes. Both have made opposition to abortion the centrepiece of their campaigns. Mr. Buchanan said last week he would "impose" his anti-abortion agenda on the nation. He wants to enact legislation declaring that life begins at concep-

Mr. Specter's withdrawal is the third disappointment in the past month for Republicans who defend abortion rights. The first came last month when California Gov. Pete Wilson's presidential campaign collapsed in a welter of debt.

But the big letdown occurred two weeks ago when retired army Gen. Colin Powell decided not to run for the Republican presidential nomination.

Abortion rights activists had been thrilled that Powell, who said he supported a woman's right to choose, was riding high in the polls even among republicans. They said this proved conclusively where the true moderate heart of the party lay. Now, these voters have nowhere to go.

"I just don't know what to do now. If I had to vote today, the abortion issue would keep me at home," said Elizabeth Hager, a new Hampshire Republican activist who formerly

served in the state legisla-

In the 1992 presidential election, 30 per cent of Republican women deserted the party. Polls continue to show that far fewer women than men support the Republicans.

Moderates still want to press head with an effort to take abortion out of the official party platform and are vowing a fight at next year's Republican nominating convention. They pin their hopes on prominent Republican governors like Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey and William Weld of Massachusetts to lead the fight.

But the party is unlikely to go against the wishes of its presidential nominee. Most party insiders believe the anti-abortion plank is there to stay.

### Jordan to ease foreign ownership rules soon

B: Suleiman Al Khalidi Reuter

ANIMAN — Jordan will soon pa: 5 a law that will allow full foreign ownership in some business ventures, the head of a new government body to approve investment said ₩ŧ dnesday

The new byelaw will open the door virtually 100 per cert, with the exception of certain sectors in the media. education, retailing and transport," Taleb Al Rifai, general manager of the Inporation, told Reuters in an

· I le said the Cabinet would soon announce the byelaw. defining limits on foreign ownership but giving the government flexibility for exceptions. It is a key element of a lib ral investment law passed

Foreign investment in the

and in other industrial ventures has been on hold awaiting the byelaw.

The byelaw is expected to retain a 49 per cent limit on foreign stock ownership, officials said, but will allow for the restriction to be bypas-

There are no taboos on foreign investment, and they can apply for 100 per cent ownership even in the areas with a 49 per cent ceiling," Dr. Rifai said, adding that the government would consider viable projects even in restricted areas

Dr. Rifai said his body, charged with approving foreing investor projects, will ensure a minimum of red tape num of red tape and complete transparency in procedures. The new body eliminates cumbersome caseby-case Cabinet approval that could take months.

Dr. Rifai said he would respond to investor applica-tions within 30 days. He said

the Amman Financial Market the test would be the readiness of government bodies to meet the deadline.

We have done the major part of reviewing our laws. but its the lower level that is very important, it will be the test of our success," Dr. Rifai

Foreign and local investors have long complained of red tape they say must be eliminated if Jordan is to attract foreign capital.

A total of 107 projects in-volving both local and foreign investors with a total capital of 270.3 million dinars (\$381 million) were approved in the first eight months of 1995 under the previous law.

dollar joint ventures for Jordan were in the pipeline after the Middle East and North Africa Summit in Amman last month, Dr. Rifai said. He said most interest was in using Jordan as a hub for

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### **Commission** warns of sharp slowdown in EU economy

BRUSSELS (AFP) — The European Commission warned Wednesday of a sha p slowdown in the economie of the European Union (EU) over the next year that will make it harder for countrie; to get their public finances under control in time to cualify for a single European currency.

According to the commission's twice yearly report on the convergence of EU econorties, Britain, France, Germany and Luxembourg will meet the Maastricht Treaty's debt and deficit targets by the end of 1997. when the EU is due to decide on which countries can take part in monetary union.

Another four countries, (Denmark, Finland, Ireland have a public deficit below three per cent of GDP, but their national debts would still he above Maastricht's 60 per cent of GDP threshold.

Englium and Sweden are both within striking distance of the deficit target but need to amend current policies with spending cuts or tax increases equivalent to 0.5 per cent of GDP.

"In this forecasts there is a good prospect of achieving im of deciding to switch to a single currency by Jan. 1. 1999 at the latest," Finance ioner Yves Thibault de Silguy said, presenting the

The commission report envisages growth of 2.7 per cent this year, slowing to 2.6 per cent in 1996. That is sharply down from spring forecasts of 3.1 per cent for this year and 2.9 per cent in 1996.

Despite Ms. De Silguy's upbeat assessment of the prospects for monetary union, the report warned of a danger that current uncertainty could generate a "selfreinforcing spiral of weak

"If this risk materialises, the slowdown could be more protracted than currently anticipated," the report

A sharper slowdown would cut government tax revenues and increase unemployment making it much harder to cut deficits.

The commission's projections are also subject to political uncertainties. In France's case, for exam-

cent deficit in 1997 assumes that recent drastic spending cuts will be successfully implemented, despite considerable public resistance. Without France, monetary union is widely regarded as politically unfeasible.

The commission attributed the anticipated slower growth to a natural cyclical pause after the strong recovery seen over the last two years in the 15 EU states.

By the end of next year. the EU's executive expects annualised growth to be running close to three per cent

The slowdown is not expected to have an impact on unemployment but will help to bring down inflation.

The unemployment rate is predicted to fall from 10.7 per cent of the workforce in 1995 to 10.1 per cent next year, unchanged from the spring forecast.

Inflation however is anticipated to finish this year at 3.1 per cent and fall to 3.0 per cent in 1996. In the spring, Ms. De Silguy forecast inflation of 3.2 per cent for both

### World trade appeals body to be set up by month end

GENEVA (R) — An appeals body that will be the final arbiter in international trade disputes will be set up by the end of this month, completing creation of key bodies of the new World Trade Organisation (WTO), diplomats said Tuesday.

The way was cleared for establishment of the sevenmember WTO appellate body Monday when European Union (EU) foreign ministers backed off demands that two experts in the panel should come from the 15-

nation grouping.
"This is very welcome, and
it will clear the slate so that the WTO can start the new year with all its institutions in place." said one key envoy to the body -- launched on Jan. 1 to replace the old General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Trade sources and diplomats said the long-delayed formal approval of the panel line-up - including one expert from the EU and one from the United States would probably be given on or around Nov. 28. Apart from the EU and

Marjanovic. published on the

front pages of Belgrade news-

papers, said the long-delayed

'programme two'' would go

It was unclear whether the

into effect as soon as possi-

U.S. experts, trade and legal specialists from Japan, New Zealand, Egypt, the Philippines and Uruguay will now sit on the body.

For each appeal against decisions in disputes by lower-level WTO panels. three members of the body will be called to make a ruling. Their decision will be final and if member states refuse to abide by the outcome they will face WTOapproved sanctions.

The composition of the team, on which both Washington and Brussels originally sought two seats, has to be approved by the WTO's Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) which is the forum where trade squabbles are initially discussed.

The diplomats said the DSB, which had tentatively planned a meeting for this week but with no set date in order to avoid giving the impression it was trying to pressurise the EU ministers, would now meet late next

Key ambassadors to the

already heading for a two-day meeting later this week of trade ministers from 12 midsized economies in Vancouver, Canada, to discuss the world trade agenda over the

coming year. Now the EU has taken its decision, there is no rush. It will be better to hold the DSB session once everyone is back from Vancouver," one

At the Vancouver meeting to be attended by Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Hungary, Indonesia, Mexico. Morocco, New Zealand. Norway. Singapore. South Africa and Thailand — ministers will discuss the agenda for the first WTO ministerial meeting in Singapore in December 1996.

WTO Director General Renato Ruggiero, who Monday issued an appeal for urgent consideration in the WTO of possible global rules on competition policies to prevent restrictive business practices in member states. will also be present briefly.

The WTO currently has Geneva-based WTO were 111 members, but more than 40 more countries are expected to join over the next two years.

Diplomats and officials said news of the EU decision on the appeals panel, widely interpreted as a backdown in the face of widespread criticism, had come as a welcome relief at the WTO.

They said it had been feared that Brussels, under ressure from France which had asserted that the EU's weight in world trade gave it the right to two appeals judges, might attach unacceptable conditions to its climb-down.

But in the event, the ministers accepted a compromise struck by Trade Commissioner Leon Brittan and simply added a rider that this would not set a precedent or deprive the EU of the right to ask for two seats at a review in four years time.

This was perfectly acceptable to everyone else," said one envoy from an emerging economy. "We had already made it clear whatever was decided now would not be treated as a precedent."

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to December 21) You can handle wisely a far-reaching affair today with great success. Don't be vexed with difficulties in the

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FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, **NOVEMBER 23, 1995** ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Get your talents working wisely in the morning today, but later

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TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Solve difficulties at home in the

morning today, but later tonight be careful you are not forceful

with others. Pay attention to

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21)

Going after what you desire from a new angle will make it easier to

attain today, but don't get bog-ged down with financial worries.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to

July 21) You have every oppor-

tunity to garner the information you need in the morning today.

Avoid spending too much money

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Plan

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CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Working at a different level can bring good results during the day today. Don't be demanding in personal affairs, later this evening. AQUARIUS: (January 21 to

February 19) You have fine creative ideas for making the days ahead brighter, so work on them. Please your loved one tonight and you will be greatly adored. PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) This is an ideal day today to do what your family wishes and in the evening, you get benefits from your labours. Enjoy quiet activities at home tonigh

Birthstone of November: Topaz — Tiger's Eye

FORECAST- FOR FRIDAY, **NOVEMBER 24, 1995** 

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) You have to complete all those tasks ahead of you even if they are boring. If a fellow associate is acting up, blame it on the

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You have to be more than painstaking today in launching that new enterprise which you have started. Get much completed quietly.

GEMUNI: (May 21 to June 21) Plan how to make your home more charming and functional and then quietly follow through. This is not a good day for enter-

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) There are many errands which you must complete, so get at them, and await a better day

for handling important matters. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Although you are generous as a rule, be sure you can afford it before you spend today and go over your accounts very com-

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) You may be overly con-cerned about your position in life today, so do the best you can and it will be good enough to get the success you desire.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) You have decisions to make privately, so study them well today and sleep on them, too. Find positive ways to help a SCORPIO: (October 23 to

November 21) You want to gain an aim at all costs today, but you had better be well-organised before you try to attain it or there could be adversity. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22

to December 21) Improving your career and gaining more prestige with a prominent individual to-day should be uppermost on your

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Study into those new enterprises which are appealing today and find the right system by which you can handle them to. a satisfactory conclusion.

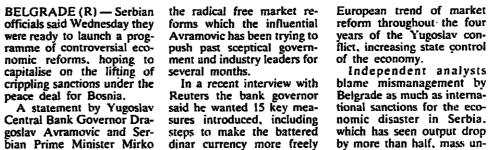
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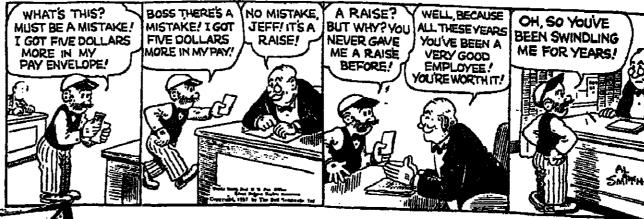
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### Jordan to sign contracts for 4 Dead Sea hotels this month

By Jack Redden Reuters

AMMAN -- Jordan will sign

contracts this month to build four major hotels on the Dead Sea, the largest dividend so far from its peace reary with Israel, officials said Wednesday.

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The four hotels, to be built on state land beside Jordan's only existing Dead Sea Spa Hotel, are expected to cost a total of about \$280 million, afficials said. They are to be completed within three years of signing the contracts.

The terms of the contracts with four different groups of investors were approved by the government last week and will be signed by the end

of the month, officials said. Each hotel near the village of Soweimeh will have about 4(8) rooms and will include health facilities to capitalise on the Dead Sea's therapeutic qualities for skin dis-

The four groups include two with only Jordanian investors and two with both Jordanian investors and foreign hotel companies -- one with the Marriott chain of the United States and one with Accor of France.

Under the proposed contracts, the hotel groups will lease land from the state for 30 years at an annual rent of JD 25,000 (\$35,000) per hectare. The rent must be paid in advance in five-year install-

Each hotel has been allotted a plot of approximately 6.4 hectares (15.8 acres) on the seashore, 400 metres below sea level. They adjoin the existing Dead Sea Spa Hotel, which has 100 rooms.

Jordan's side of the Dead Sea, which forms the border, was little used before its peace treaty with Israel in October 1994. A road along the entire length was only opened this year.

Jordan is seeking to catch up with Israel, which has developed a health resort industry on its side of the extremely valine sea alsoael has about 2.000 rooms already and is planning a major ex-DARSION.

The four hotels planned for the Jordanian side are part of an ambitious plan by the Kingdom to build accom-

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#### **LONDON EXCHANGE RATES**

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modation for 8,000 people at the site by 2010. Most would be in a tourist village inland from the new hotels.

Development of a second area further south on the Dead Sea at Zara is also planned, perhaps as early as next year, officials said. However, the discovery of major archaeological ruins on the proposed site has forced planners to look for a nearby alternative.

Building the infrastructure to develop Dead Sea tourism will cost about \$90 million. officials said. Some will come from existing government revenues and from rents received for leased land but foreign assistance will still be

required, they said. Tourism has been Jordan's

one quick beneficiary of the peace treaty, with visits by both Israelis and other foreigners sharply higher in the past year.

Several hotels are now under construction in Amman and the ancient Nabatean capital of Petra to capitalise on the Kingdom's new popularity as a tourist des-

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#### Free zone slaughterhouse benefits from lower fees

ww THE DEVELOPMENT Council at the prime ministry has decided to allow a local the THE CENTRAL Bank has a new tompuny to import live sheep to be slaughtrived the Treasury of JD 2 million in revenues. Furthermore, the consumer would Bank and the management of the banks. as the criteria for pricing is solely the weight whereas slaughterhouses at free zones are manned by foreign labours. Any expansion in free zone slaughterhouses would be at the expense of local manpower in the eovernment-run slauchterhouses (Al Ra'i).

#### Isa: Medicines and cosmetics are safe

head. Abdul Rahim Islam's emphasised that it. is not allowed to put any medicine on the market before officially registering it at the ting to the association has it is also not allowed. ing its sale (Al Dustour).

#### Central Bank requires banks to introduce advanced technology

approach when granting Jordanian banks ered at the free zone in Quiweirah, in the licences to open branches requiring stricter outh, for lower cost than in Animan. This measures to do so, an assistant to the govdecision created a wide discrepancy between ernor of the Central Bank has said. He fees levied on slaughtering sheep at govern- explained that computer links between all ment slaughterhouses and those levied at branches and automation of all hanking func-Quweirah. And this brought about an unfair tions are basic conditions for granting a situation for the slaughterhouses and the rest, licence, by the Central Bank. The serior of toodstuff traders. Sources at the Ministry of official pointed out that this approach aims a Agriculture said this new arrangement dep- speeding up the process of providing inform tion and analytical statistics to the Centinot benefit from lower meat prices as the also helps ensure safe and sound bankir profit will be pocketed by the owners of the expansion in all areas found economicall free zone staughterhouses. According to the feasible, especially since the rise in the num sources the difference in fees amounts to JD ber of branches in the West Bank and Gaza 2.5 per kilogramme. Meat prices would not be. Asked whether the Central Bank would force affected by the location of the slaughterhouse, merger among the banks, he replied that the Central Bank encourages voluntary mergers of the sheep regardiess of its origin, the and will not force banks to do so. "What we sources said. The sources added that official request is raising banks' capital to ID 20 slaughterhouses are manned by Jordanians million either through merger or through whereas slaughterhouses at free zones are floating new shares" he said (Al Asway).

#### New mining company to be set up

\* A NEW COMPANY, capitalised at JD 5

million, will be taking the first step for official registration when founding parties sign the memorandum of association today (Thursday). The holding company, to be known as Mining Investments Company, will group the (PLARMACISTS ASSOCIATION major mining institutions in the Kingdom, Abdul Rahma Isa na complianced that it mainly the phosphate, cement, potash and rockwool companies in addition to the Middle East for Contracting and Construction and ting control committee. He said that according to the association has it is also not allowed. Mr. Rafiq Al Burghuti and Mr. Samih Darting to the association has it is also not allowed. With the new company will be aiming at to advertise any medicine on television, radio finding all means to invest in mineral wealth. or in the newspaper. Mr. As a indicated that especially mining ores, through studies and some products such as paramedicals, and through setting up specialised companies to some tablets are not considered medicines, utilise the ore to meet local needs as well as and, as such they can be advertised without for exports. According to sources close to the referal to the Manstry of Health. He also founding parties, there is a great need to set clarified that any medical product should up a holding company for mining to bridge the carry production and expiry dates and any gap between the Natural Resources Authority violators of this specification should be (NRA) and the industrial sector because the punished. However, Mr. Is a pointed out that NRA is only taking the role of conducting ocal and imported cosmetics are also subject exploration studies and evaluating mining to the approval of the drug control committee ores. Founders will cover 75 per cent of the which examines the product before authoris- capital and the remaining 25 per cent will be floated for public subscription (Al Dustour)

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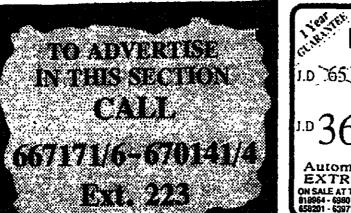




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### Klinsmann strikes 4; Eindhoven, Bordeaux win Autopsy shows Olympic skater

Munich, who have not won a European trophy since 1976. had Jurgen Klinsmann's four goals to thank for their crushing 4-1 UEFA Cup demolition of Benfica on Tues-

The German striker scored his goals in a 20 minute spell that left the Portuguese side's hopes in tatters at the end of their third round first leg encounter.

Klinsmann, the former Spurs target man, struck in the 27th, 32nd, 43rd and 46th minute past Belgian goalkeeper Michel Preud'homme. Meanwhile Dimas equalised for Benfica in the 31st

Benfica, like Bayern among a group of six former European champions still in this year's high-profile UEFA Cup, were never outclassed despite the score, but the 31-year-old four-star Klinsmann performance must have put the tie beyond their

Klinsmann converted his second headed goal to round off the scoring after being set up by Mehmet Scholl, who linked well with Klinsmann throughout the match.

Scholl and Bulgarian Emil Kostadinov both hit the bar in the second half



Werder Bremen striker Marco Bode (R) duels for the ball with Dutch PSV Eindhoven defender Stan Valckx (L) during the PSV won 2-1 (Reuters photo)

Einhoven against the German side in Eindhoven November 21.



Juergen Klinsmann of Bayern Munich raises round first leg UEFA Cup clash in Munich, areas in celebration after scoring his first November 21. Klinsmann scored three goals 20al versus Benfica Lisbon during their thirdduring the first half (Reuters photo)

and Nottingham Forest of Iona and AC Milan — both his goalscoring exploits as England, meanwhile — two came away with home wins... other former European although both left it late.

PSV: Eindhoven of Holland champions along with Barce-

Brazil's Ronaldo kept up PSV Eindhoven beat Werder ninth minute penalty after he was fouled by Bremen keeper Frank Rost to open the scoring. Bremen nearly equalised before the break when Heiko Scholz hit a post.

Ronaldo, 19, converted a

Marco Bode made it 1-1 when he dribbled past Chris Van Der Werden before beating keeper Ronald Waterreus ten minutes after the break.

Then 28-year-old Belgian international striker Luc Nilis. fed by Marciano Vink. scored in the 83rd minute to bring Eindhoven victory.

At the weekend, Ronaldo was in fine form as he scored a hat-trick for PSV in an 8-0 win over Doetinchem.

Frank Clark's Nottingham came through 1-0 against Lyon of France, the dramatic finale set off when defender Florent Laville was sent off for a deliberate hand-ball.

Goalkeeper Pascal Olmeta collided with defender Florent Laville in the 82nd mjnute and when Howe drove in the loose ball, Laville blocked it with his upper

The Frenchman, booked iust minutes earlier for a trip on Scott Gemmill, was shown the red card by Hungarian referee Sandor Puhl before Forest skipper Stuart Peace stepped up for his spot kick.

Olmeta flew to his left to block but McGregor reacted sharply to pounce on the loose ball for his first goal since he scored at West Ham in January in one of his 12 previous substitute appear-

Danish side Brondby, victors over English Premiership side Liverpool in the previous round, saw off AS Roma 2-1 after the Italians had gone into a first-half lead.

Uruguayan Daniel Fonseca opened the scoring in the 17th minute against the run of play with a header, but Rome fullback Fabio Petruzzi equalised just before halftime as he deflected an Allan Nielsen shot into his own net.

Ole Bjur settled the match for the home side when he took advantage of a defensive mix-up in the Roman defence to score a 76th minute win-

# had extensive heart disease

LAKE PLACID (R) - Rus- were so blocked that "resusgure skater Sergei Grinkov futile. suffered from severe heart disease that led to his fatal heart attack on Monday, the doctor who performed the

autopsy said on Tuesday. Dr. Francis Varga said Grinkov, 28, had a history of high blood pressure and that the two-time Olympic cham-pion suffered from "severe arteriosclerosis" — heart dis-

Grinkov's "heart was enlarged more than what you would expect for an athlete," Varga said.
"In an athletic, Vigorous

young person who is asymptomatic, it is hard to detect these problems," said Varga at a news conference on

"Sudden death is often the first sign of heart disease." Varga said. "Unless there is an abnormality that causes pain, there is no way to detect this." Varga said Grinkov's con-

dition "probably would not have been picked up by a routine physical examination. It could have only been picked up by a stress test.' He said stress tests are not

"these athletes are tough, they fight through pain. Varga said Grinkov prob-

performed "unless someone

ably was unconscious almost immediately after dopping to the ice, and that his arteries they had indicated.

sian Olympic champion fi- citation would have been

Unless the skater's condition had been discovered ear- occurred while practicing lier and he underwent a bypass, "the probability of survival for him would be remote.

"It was only a question of time" before the heart attack, regardless of the

drugs in the skater's blood, said Grinkov's heart likely had been enlarged due to a lack of oxygen brought on by heart disease.

"The entire front half of his heart and the left side of his heart and the left side of his heart muscle was deprived of oxygen," Varga said.

A spokeswoman for the Adirondack Medical Centre, where Grinkov was pronounced dead on Monday at 12:28 p.m. local time, said in a news release that one of the skater's arteries, "which feeds a major portion of the heart muscle, was virtually

Varga, who performs autopsy under the auspices of the championships as amateurs. Essex County coroner's They brought pairs figure complains of pain" and that office and is director of pathology for the Adiron-dack Medical Centre, said Grinkov may have had symptoms of a heart problem, but

Varga also said that Grinkov may have had a smaller heart attack six to eight hours before the fatal attack, which with his wife, Ekaterina Gordeeva, 24, for a figure skating exhibition on Saturday in the professional stars on ice tour.

The two had skated together since he was 15 and she was 11 years old.

activity. Varga said.

Varga, who said there was no evidence of alcohol or no evidence no ev day that Grinkov had never complained of heart prob-"It was a real shock. He

had never complained of any heart problems," the source said. "The worst I recall was some complaints of back pains, but never any heart problems.

Russia's independent television channel NTV said the funeral was expec ted to be held in Moscow Friday but the report could not immediately be confirmed.

Grinkov and Gordeeva were Olympic pairs champions in 1988 and 1994. They also won four World Championships, two European titles and the Soviet national

skating to new artistic and athletic heights with powerful lifts and stunning throws. Married in 1991, they lived

with their 3-year-old daughter Daria in Simsbury. Conn., and in Moscow.

### McRae wins world title

PARIS (AFP) - Scotland's Colin McRae. once the wild man of rallying took the world crown on Wednesday after realising there is more to his sport than just being blindingly

Over the last two years McRae has learned how to match his natural talent with the accelerator pedal with the maturity that keeps his car on the road - and not slithering off it.

Too often in the past, McRae would burst sensationally to the front of a race, and then equally dramatically fail to finish.
Colin McCrash they called him.

Now Britain's first ever rally world champion has found the mental strength and maturity which keeps him the right side of the fine line between brilliant driving and reck-

"Experience comes from doing rallies," said the 27-year-old recently. "But the mental attitude comes from within. I've definitely matured and I've got to the stage where I don't make rash decisions any more.

"I think I approach a rally with much more thought now, and get my head round the small problems without making them big problems.

A car driver since boyhood, McRae has rallying in the blood.

His brother Alister, who also competed in this week's RAC, won the British Rally Championship this year.

"It was the first time I'd achieved it but, of course, my dad Jimmy won the series five times and my brother Colin twice." said the youngest McRae. "It was nice to keep the family tradition going.

Brother Colin notched his first world championship rally in 1993, the start of what proved to be a hat-trick of wins in New #

The following year McRae secured the first British victory in the RAC Rally since Roger Clark back in 1976. But it still wasn't enough for the Scotsman.

### Jordan leads Bulls to best start in club history

DALLAS (R) — Michael Jordan helped the Bulls get off to their best start in franchise history by scoring six of the 36 points in overtime as Chicago rallied for a 108-102 victory over the Dallas Mavericks

The Bulls improved to 8-1. Their previous best record at the beginning of the season was a 7-1 start in 1992-93, the season they won the last of their NBA titles.

Jordan's two free throws with 2:30 left in overtime snapped a 98-98 tie and gave the Bulls the lead for good. Jordan who had forced overtime by blocking a Jim

Jackson shot, hit two more free throws with 29 seconds left to give the Bulls a 104-100 lead.

Jason Kidd recorded his fifth career triple-double for Dallas, finishing with 25 points, 15 rebounds, 11 assists and six steals. But the Mays have lost four in a row and five of six games since starting the season 4-0.

Scottie Pippen added 26 points for the Bulls, while Jamal Mashburn chipped in 21 for Dallas.

We got really fortunate they missed a basket at the end of regulation," Jordan said, "When we got into overtime, we took better control of the game."

In Toronto, rookie Damon Stoudamire had a tripledouble and sank two free throws with 1:04 remaining to lift the expansion Raptors to their third win in a row, 102-97 victory over the Seattle Supersonics.

Stoudamire had 20 points. 12 rebounds and 11 assists. His key foul shots came after the Sonics had cut a six-point deficit to 98-97 with 1:12 to

> Willie Anderson's 21footer gave Toronto their final 102-97 advantage with 16

Oliver Miller scored 23 points and Anderson added for the Raptors. Gary Payton had 24 points and 11 assists for the Sonics, who have lost three of their last

four games. In Denver, rookie Antonio McDyess scored 22 points and Dale Ellis added 15 as the Nuggets beat the Atlanta Hawks 107-99 for just their second win of the season.

McDyess, who added 10 rebounds, was 11-of-15 from the field for the Nuggets, who also got 12 points, six rebounds, and five assists off the bench from Jalen Rose. Tied 83-83 with 9:04 re-

maining, Denver went on a 10-0 spurt to grab a 93-83 lead with 5:11 left. The Hawks closed to 99-94

on consecutive three-pointers by Mookie Blaylock but got no closer. Andrew Lang scored 22 points,

In Los Angeles, James Robinson nailed a threepointer at the buzzer to lift the Portland Trail Blazers to a 109-108 over the Lakers.

The Lakers, who had their four-game winning streak snapped, broke a 106-106 tie with eight seconds left when Nick Van Exel dropped in a 10-foot jumper.

#### **GOREN BRIDGE**

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North-South vulnerable. South WEST EAST

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The auction is straightforward. Note North's raise to two spades. If

Note North's raise to two spades. If North does not bid immediately, especially with four-card support, it could become very difficult to describe the holding later in the

In response to East's lead directing bid of three clubs, Fishbein led the queen of clubs and continued the suit. East took the ace and king to complete the defensive book, and West had to decide what to discard on the third club.

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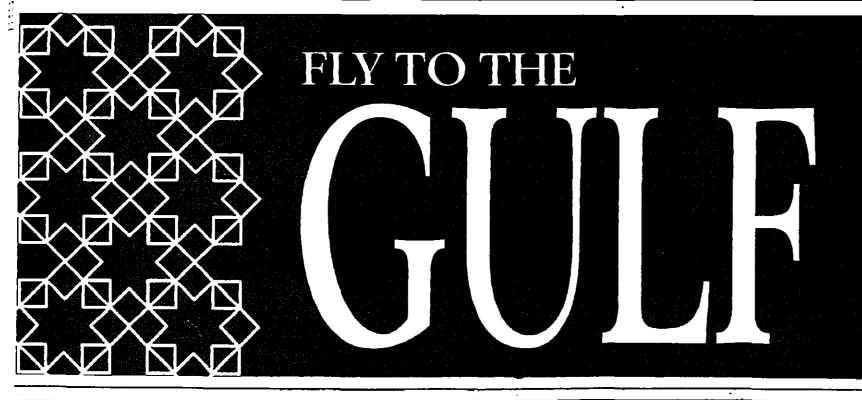
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At duplicate West might have had a huge problem, but ot rubber bridge Fishbein did not hesitate for a moment. The ace of diamonds might or might not cash for the setting trick, but it was clear that another club lead would promote the queen of spades to the setting trick, whether declarer ruffed high or low. The problem was how to alert partner to the possibility.

Fishbein found a pretty solution. He discarded the ace of diamonds! Since declarer had to have the aceking in both major suits to justify the jump to four spades, East worked out the situation. A fourth the hand and the green of club was led, and the queen of spades became the setting trick



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#### Cuba, Taiwan win weightlifting gold

Yotov who was silver medal-

list in both clean and jerk and

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Greek Victor Mitrou took

A superb performance in

the snatch section set Chen

on the way to her golden sweep in the women's 64-kg

Chen lifted 97,5 kg to win

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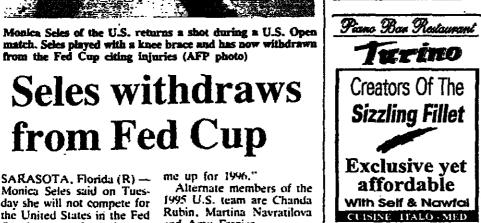
than the others.

GUANGZHOU, China (R) Pablo Lara-Rodriguez of Cuba and Chen Jun-Lien of Taiwan claimed gold medal sweeps at the World Weightlifting Championships on

Lara-Rodriguez prevailed in a tense battle in the men's 76-kg category, while Chen scored a comfortable victory in the women's 64-kg group.

The Cuban swept all three golds, with the snatch title going his way in a three-way tie because he was lighter than the others who matched his best lift of 162.5 kg -Armenian Khachat Kapanaktsian and Bulgarian Yoto Yotov.

-Lara- Rodriguez : managed 205 kg in the clean and jerk for an aggregate 367.5 kg. giving him a 2.5-kg edge over



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Scles, who withdrew be-

cause of injuries from the

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which ended on Sunday, said

she is not ready foir tourna-ment competition because of

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"I really wanted to play for

my country at the Fed Cup

matches in Spain and join the

U.S. team members Mary

Joe Pernandez, Gigi Fernandez and Lindsay Davenport

are in Valencia preparing for

this weekend's matches.

Billie Jean King, captain of the U.S. Fed Cup team, is

expected to name a replacement for Seles, who said, "I

have told Billie Jean to sign

ADELAIDE (AFP) - For-

mula One driver Mika Hak-

kinen as "improving every

day" in Royal Adelaide Hospital following his crash in

practising for the Australian Grand Prix 12 days ago, a hospital spokesman said

The Finnish driver sustained severe head injuries

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other members of the team." Seles was quoted in a news release from her spokesper-

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### Pedroso's record scratched

ROME (R) — The World long jump record set by Cuban Ivan Pedroso has been ruled invalid by the Italian Antleties Federation (FID-AL), which said on Tuesday that three Italian officials had been disciplined for irregular-

A FIDAL statement said inquiries into the 8.96 metre leap, at the high-altitude venue of Sestriere on July 29, had shown that "irregular behaviour" by certain officials had influenced a proper reading of the wind speed.

The statement said FIDAL official Luciano Gemello had been banned for life for obscuring the wind gauge as Pedroso made his jump. Two judges at the meeting. Paolo Gueliemi and Denis Monno. were suspended for three vears.

The FIDAL ruling has the effect of scratching world champion Pedroso's record mark but must be ratified by the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF).

#### Arab Clubs Table Tennis Championship

### Ahli crowned champions

By Aleen Bannayan Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Egypt's Al Ahir Club Wednesday retained the men's title at the 7th Arab Clubs Table tennis championship after over- Ahli 3-1 for third and fourth places. In the coming compatriots Al Zamalek 3-1 in the

The title was Al Ahli's fourth consecutive and fifth overall in seven championships held so far. Their women's team has also dominated the competition and impressively retained their fourth title vesterday after over-coming Benzart of Tunisia 3-1. While Al Zamalek had the chance and gave

players had the advantage throughout led by Ashraf Subhi who subdued his rival Ashraf Hilmi 21-17, 25-23 to seal his team's win. ing match on Wednesday by beating Hisham

Hilmi 22-20, 21-10. Al Zamalek's only win was secured by Ashraf Hilmi who beat Sharif al Saket 21-13,

Sharif Diya of Al Ahla then beat Ashraf Ashour 21-16, 17-21, 21-16 in an interesting match which drew wide applause from over-100 attending fans at the sports palace. Minister of Youth Awad Khleifat distri-

10-team competition as Al Ahli came in first, Al Zamalek second and Saudi Arabia's Al Ahlı thırd.

The Saudi team had defeated Qatar's Al game deciding fifth and sixth places Jordan's Al Jazireh came in fifth after overcoming Lebanon's Al Ma'ni 3-1. Al Jahr'a of Kuwait finished seventh after defeating Jordan's Al Orthodoxi 3-1. Palestine came in ninth and Sudan's Khartoum tenth.

In the women's competition Al Ahli finished first, Al Zamalek second, Tunisia's Benzart third, Jordan's Amman and Orthodo-Al Ahli a hard time before giving in, Al Ahli's xi fourth and fifth and Lebanon's Homent-

Organisers, the Jordan Table Tennis Federation, awarded the tournament's most Ashraf Subhi had secured his team's open-promising player award to the youngest player. Homentmen's 13-year-old Lisa Barikyan, who showed the form of a future champion playing in her first Arab championship.

Al Hussein Youth City Director Isam Arida distributed awards to international referees who had officiated the matches at the six-day championship.

During meetings of the Executive Council of the Arab Table Tennis Federation, it was decided that the upcoming Arab Clubs Chambuted the trophies to the top three of the pionship will be held in Algeria.

### Arsenal defeat Sheffield Wednesday 4-2

LONDON (AFP) — Arsena) moved up to third in the English Premiership on Tuesday after coming from behind to register an ultimately com-fortable 4-2 victory over struggling Sheffield Wednes-

day. There was also success for north London rivals Tottenham Hotspur as 4,75 million pound (about \$7.2 million) signing Chris Armstrong maintained his buoyant form to inflict Middlesbrough's first home defeat of the season.

Armstrong, an object of derision at the beginning of the season following his summer move across London from Crystal Palace, claimed his fifth goal in six matches. A second-string strike

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Paul Dickov came back to haunt Sheffield Wednesday boss David Pleat at High-

Pleat, then in charge at

Luton, sold Hartson to the Gunners for 2.5 million pounds last season and at the same time failed in a bid to land Dickov. Both players claimed their

first goals of the campaign as did colleague Nigell Winterburn - as the Gunners shot down the Owls with a three goal second-half salvo.

Dickov was sent on at half time for disappointing Dutch winger Glenn Helder after Wednesday had recovered from conceding a goal through Dennis Bergkamp's

third minute free kick. Bergkamp's ninth goal of the season came from 20 yards but Wednesday, who have not won in the League at Highbury for 33 years. took control with two goals in

David Hirst claimed the first after nine minutes when he forced home a far-post header after Waddle's pinpoint cross before Waddle's first goal for three months put Wednesday in front from ten yards after a mistake by defender Steve Bould on 20

the space of 11 minutes.

But the Gunners were level nine minutes after the break when Winterburn raced into the area and fired home a fierce drive before Dickov.

making his first outing of the season, rounded the keeper to put Arsenal back in front after 65 minutes.

Hartson, in the side be-cause of lan Wright's suspension, sealed victory when he nodded insidel the right-hand upright following England capitain's David Platt's cross.

Tottenham's victory saw them move up to fifth after iust one defeat in the last 11-2 matches — but not without a hint of controversy.

Middlesbrought, led by 38-

vear-old player-manager-1 Bryan Robson who came on as a substitute, fiercely pro-Reed that Armstrong's 72nd--: minute winner should havelbeen disallowed for offside \*-

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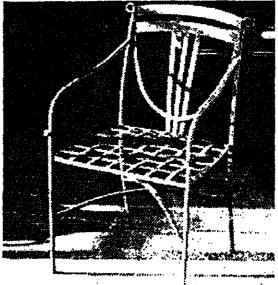
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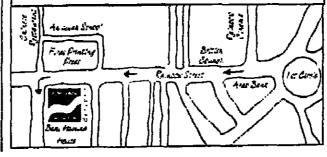
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## Kabariti: Syrian positions reflect political hypocrisy

AMMAN (J.T.) — Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Al Kabariti was on Wednesday quoted as describing Syrian policy as double standard and reflecting political hypocrisy.

In an interview with the Arabic daily Al Aswag, the minister said: "We used to believe that we understand and comprehend the Syrian position but it turned out that position was unclear particularly when Syria attacked the Amman economic summit siasm in the Barcelona conference, which will handle political, security as well as economic issues.

Asked to comment on Svrian Vice President Abdul Halim Khaddam's recent statement in which he levelled accusations against Jordan. Mr. Kabariti said: "Three weeks ago we heard

Syria manifesting extremely negative attitude towards the peace process and putting the blame on Israel for disrupting the peace process in the region. But today we hear totally different views showing Damascus's flexibility and suggesting that Syria is ready to deal with Israel and resume the peace negotiations over the Golan Heights.

We had believed that we understood the Syrian position as hostile to Iraq ever since (Iraq's) war with Iran and until the arrival in Jordan of Hussein Kamel Hassan. But we now hear Syria accusing Jordan of seeking to

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MARJAYOUN (AFP) ~

Israeli helicopters fired air-

to-ground missiles just north

of the occupied "security

zone" in South Lebanon

Wednesday to foil an attack,

wounding two guerrillas. Israel's proxy militia said.

The guerrillas from the

Amal movement of Parlia-

ment Speaker Nabih Berri

were spotted by Israeli troops

as they prepared to launch an

attack from an uninhabited

house facing the central sec-

Israeli army choppers fired

wounding two guerrillas, the

allied South Lebanon Army

issued in the southern port of

Sidon, claimed its fighters

attacked an SLA infantry

patrol in the same area with

machine guns and rockets

causing casualties among

After the operation SLA

forces destroyed four uninha-

Fishermen freed

Israeli naval forces on

Wednesday released three

Lebanese fishermen to repre-

sentatives of the Red Cross

after detaining them for 20

hours but kept their boat, an

AFP correspondent re-

The fisherman were

headed over to representatives of the International

Committee of the Red Cross

(ICRC) at the port of Na-

qoura, on the international

border, and returned to Tyre,

85 kilometres south of

But their boat was held at

Nagoura, where the SLA

controls a small port near the

headquarters of U.N.

posed a partial blockade of

ports in South Lebanon since

February --- seized and then

released nine fishermen in

the past two weeks, accord-

ing to the head of the fisher-

man's union in Tyre.

Mr. Bawab charged that

Israeli gunboats, which patrol

Lebanese territorial waters.

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"If they go further out the

Israeli gunboats fire warning

shots at them." Mr. Bawab

Israel initially has set a

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Mohammad Bawab.

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(SLA) militia said.

Abdul Karim Kabariti

partition lraq. Everyone realises that Jordan is totally against partitioning Iraq and seeks to end the suffering of the Iraqi people and enable the Iraqis to exercise their right to a free and dignified

"In view of this situation, we find no explanation for this double standard in the Syrian policy except by describing it as political hypocrisy," said the minister. Mr. Kabariti denied that

Jordan and Israel were holding consultations over a Jordanian-Israeli-Palestinian confederation in the light of a recent statement by Israeli Premier Shimon Peres.

"If there were serious discussions on regional arrangements betweeen the three parties they do not go beyond the economic dimensions."

acknowledgement of President Liamine Zeroual's suc-

cess in remodelling Algeria's

political landscape with last

week's elections, the main

Islamic opposition group said

on Wednesday that it had

Rabah Kebir, the German-

based leader of the banned

Islamic Salvation Front

(FIS), said the movement

was "ready for dialogue with

this government so as to help

bring back peace" in Algeria.

letter to Mr. Zeroual, a

French language copy of

which was released to AFP in

Bonn. Analysts noted that it

was the first time the FIS had

so explicitly acknowledged

the legitimacy of the Zeroual

Thursday's election, boycot-

ted both by the FIS and most

other opposition groups, in

which Mr. Zeroual won over

61 per cent of the vote on a

the two leaders. Abassi

Madani and Ali Belhadj. are

The two were jailed in

June 1991, six months before

elections which the FIS was

widely reported to have won.

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The minister reiterated Jordan's stand vis-a-vis the severance of legal and administrative ties with the West Bank taken in 1988 and said: "Jordan has no intention of going back on that decision neither will it discuss such notion. Its should be known that any future relationship between Jordan and Palestine can only be discussed after the emergence of the Palestinian state and once the Palestinian people exercise their full rights on their national soil and after the issue of Palestinian refugees and Jerusalem have been settled.

The foreign minister confirmed that Jordan and Palestine have been involved in discussing a joint mechanism for enabling some displaced Palestinians living in Jordan to participate in the Palestinian self-rule elections due in early 1996.
"This subject was taken up

with a visiting Palestinian delegation several days ago. Mr. Kabariti said. The Palestinians in question are those who live in the Kingdom and do not hold Jordanian nationality but hold twoyear passports and are not registered in the Jordanian election registers as they do not hold family registration books. Only those who hold family registration books and registered in the voters registers are considered Jordanian

FIS is ready for talks with Zeroual After the first round of polling, however, the military-backed regime cancelled the

vote, sparking off almost four years of bloodshed which has left over 30,000 people dead. In the letter, Mr. Kebir voiced his "permanent availability for dialogue, consultation and readiness to help the ruling powers and opposition define the causes

of tension in our society. He also expressed his "satisfaction" with Mr. Zeroual's stance after the elections, signalling his "determination to work to help all Algerians and to find their place in rebuilding the coun-

The FIS is one of eight opposition parties - signatories to a "national contract" signed in January which called for a boycott of

Although the group's apparent readiness to cooperate with the military-backed regime was a positive sign. observers noted that the most dangerous group of all had

turnout of almost 75 per cent. still not made its position. Mr. Kebir's letter did not The Shadowy Armed Islamic Group (GIA) has specify, however, how the proposed dialogue could take place as long as two top FIS leaders remained in prison. claimed responsibility for many of the bloodiest terror The front has steadfastly attacks -- including several in refused any offers of dialogue France - and had threatened with the authorities as long as

to kill people who took part in last Thursday's vote. In one pre-election state-ment, the GIA warned that Algerians who used the ballot-box would speedily end up in another kind of box at the last moment.

### Regent opens Yarmouk University facilities

IRBID (Petra) - His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, on Wednesday opened Yarmouk University's Faculty of Education and Fine Arts as well as the university's Hashimiyeh Exhibition Hall.

During a tour of the campus, Prince Hassan cheered by students chanting national songs and support of His Majesty King Hussein and the Crown Prince.

Speaking to journalists after the inauguration ceremonies, the Crown Prince said King Hussein telephoned from his residence in London to inquire about damages caused by the earthquake which struck Jordan and surrounding countries early Wednesday and was reassured on the situation.

Commending the disting-uished level of Jordanian universities, Prince Hassan stressed the need for preparing qualified teachers at these universities and developing vocational and academic programmes conforming to ational needs and priorities.

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SALEM (R) — Israel has

barred a Tunisian diplo-

mat from returning to

Gaza to take charge of a

mission he opened in the

Palestinian-ruled area in

April, Israeli foreign

ministry sources said on

They said the decision

was taken a few days ago "at a very high level," to pressure Tunisia to fulfil a

promise to open an in-

terests office in Tel Aviv

and allow Israel to estab-

"He was not allowed a

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did not fulfil the full

agreement to open a bureau in Tel Aviv," one

Under the 1993 Israel-

Palestine Liberation

Organisation (PLO)

peace deal, Israel controls

border crossings into

Tunisia is one of the

first Arab countries to

start talks with Israel after

the self-rule deal was

The Tunisian repre-

sented Mohammad Al

Ahnaf, presented his let-

ters of credentials to the

Palestinian National au-

thority in April to open

the representative office

and then left for Tunisia.

The Ahnaf was due to

go back to Gaza later this

Foreign ministry

sources said Israel was

"disappointed" by Tuni-

sia's failure to send a high-

level official to the funeral

earlier this month of

assassinated Prime Minis-

ter Yitzhak Rabin. They

said Tunisia's ambassador

to Jordan came to the

funeral unannounced and

The Regent underlined the need to have wide national men of departments and con-

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, waves to students during a

visit he paid to Yarmouk University on Wednesday (photo by Boghos)

dialogue to discuss future issues and developments sweeping the world arena. The Regent met with deans of faculties and chair-

veyed to them the greetings of King Hussein. He expressed hope that

Jordan would be able to courageously and wisely withstand challenges through

lacks the currency to pay for

Health Minister Umeed

Madhat Mubarak presented

his country's case to heads of the United Nations Chil-

dren's Fund and World Health Organisation in Bagh-

The ministry source said

Iraq would honour any finan-

cial commitments resulting

from purchases of medicine

once its oil flows to interna-

tional markets or any amount

of its frozen assets abroad are

"Iraq is known for its hon-

dad this week.

science and knowledge and called on the universities to prepare programmes that would serve the Arab World and enhance inter-Arab rela-

skis from his starting point to the South Pole in two months.

urgent humanitarian needs. But Baghdad turned down paedophiles the offer, complaining the terms violated its sovereign-MANILA (R) - A Philippine congressional panel

Senior U.N. envoy Rolf Ekeus briefed Omani officials on Wednesday about his commission's efforts to dismantle Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

the U.N. Commission (UN-SCOM), said he had discussed Iraq's disarmament with Oman's minister of state for foreign affairs, Yousef Ben Alawi

mat said in Abu Dhabi earlier that Iraq was believed to be holding back information on its germ warfare and ballistic missile programmes.

He was to visit Baghdad on Monday and would report back to the U.N. Security

#### Iraq says it needs live-saving medicine worth \$200 million The U.N. offered Iraq a supplies are available to Iraq BAGHDAD (R) -- Iraq said one-time sale of oil to pay for but the sanctions mean it

on Wednesday it was in urgent need of medical drugs worth \$200 million to treat patients suffering from chro-The official Al Iraq daily

newspaper said the number of patients afflicted with heart disease, diabetes and cancer was rising, with more than 600,000 of them receiving treatment every month at government clinics and hos-

"The Ministry of Health has confirmed that the number of people suffering from chronic diseases like heart ailments, diabetes and cancer exceeds 600,000...," the paper said, quoting an official source at the ministry.

"These need life-saving drugs worth \$200 million annually," the source said. Crippling United Nations sanctions imposed on Iraq after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait have left many Iraqis

desperate for food and medical supplies. Medical medical purchases.

ouring of obligations with international pharmaceutical companies as its health import bill was worth more than \$500 million a year," the source said.

With its oil sales blocked by U.N. trade sanctions and overseas assets worth billions of dollars out of reach, Iraq is hard pressed to finance its Ekeus in Oman

Mr. Ekeus, chairman of

The former Swedish diplo-

### Rabbani loses more ground in **Kabul to assaulting Talibans**

KABUL (Agencies) — Afghan government troops Wednesday lost a further seven kilometres of ground southeast of Kabul to the Taliban militia, defence and

military officials said. The latest push forward by the Talibans means they have seized about 15 kilometres from the government in the past two days of heavy battles for control of Kabul's eastern flank, army commanders

The militiamen advanced northwest towards the besieged Afghan capital overnight amid heavy fighting, as government forces attempted to repulse the attack on the sixth day of solid fighting in

the area, the officials added. A ministry spokesman Amrullah, said Taliban fighters had on Tuesday night pushed forces loyal to President Burhanuddin Rubbani out of the strategic Bandi Ghazi village, which lies in a valley about 20 kilometres

"It was a very heavy bat-tle." he said. "Both sides used tanks, artillery and aircraft in the fight, and we lost about 10 men.

But he said government fighters were preparing for an 'imminent' counteroffensive to recapture the lost ground.

Bandi Ghazi's fall follows Taliban's capture of the nearby Chakari and Khurd Kabul villages on Monday night.

In all, Amrullah said, government forces had been pushed back at least seven kilometres. Other Afghan sources suggested the militia, which seeks to topple Mr. Rabbani's government, might have advanced up to 10 kilometres.

Military analysts said the Talibans were trying to extend the frontline to the main road linking the besieged capital with the eastern city of Jalalabad and Pakistan beyond.

The Jalalabad road is the only route traders use to bring basic commodities into the city.
If the Talibans cut off that

road, they can control almost all traffic to Kabul. The militia has already imposed an energy blockade that has tripled the prices of firewood, coal and diesel. The Red Cross estimates

that basic energy is now too expensive for at least 70 per cent of the city population. The Defence Ministry ac-

cused the Talibans of launching an air raid on the city in which at least two bombs fell on a deserted residential area in northwestern suburbs.

The bombs exploded on the side of a mountain beneath a strategically vital radar installation that provides early warning of attacking aircraft.

The raid follows one on Monday in which, authorities have said. 10 people were killed and 16 wounded when two bombs hit a crowded Shahre Nau market district in central Kabul.

#### show stopped by Swedish police

GOTHENBURG, Sweden (AFP) — A Sri Lankan snake-charmer hired to perform at Gothenburg's Ethnographic Museum was forced to cancel his show after police said his performance could result in legal the museum was initially told by police that it did not replaced by police that it did not replaced by the special permission to the snake-charmer the snake charges, the museum said. have the snake-charmer make his four cobras dance out of their woven baskets to the sound of flutes. But a fax sent to police by a swedish snake expert shall be shal made them change then have a some Malle had mind. According to the spining freatment expert, snake-charming is that cancer in the considered grossly cruel to the reptiles and Gothen the reptiles and Gothen the state where he burg regulations do not to the first of the first cancer in the state of the st the reptiles and burg regulations do not show in the normal allow snakes to be shown a 30 of Thursene outside of terrariums and show about taking about taking down on the live show and show topics such a decided to screen a film should prostitution of instead.

#### Egyptian, Sudanese experts clash, but agree to continue dialogue Cairo, the morning and evenpute over Halaib "is a politicgroup, an extremist move-By Sa'eda Kilani

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — In the first meeting of its kind in four years, Egyptian and Sudanese academicians and politicians on Wednesday traded accusations over the contested Halaib Triangle. but pledged to turn a new page in their relations and forget past conflicts if certain steps were taken by both

"Our brothers in Egypt should stop accusing Sudan of terrorism," said Khaled Rahman from the Centre for Strategic Studies in Khartoum at a one-day seminar organised by the Centre for Strategic Studies at the University of Jordan. "These generalisations should be put to an end.

"Sudan should publicly and clearly condemn violence and terrorism for any solution between the two countries," said Waheed Abdul Majid from the Centre of

Strategic Studies in Egypt. Although Egyptian and Sudanese speakers voiced hopes of better relations and preventing scuborne attacks. agreed to meet again in

ing sessions were sparked by heated debate.

While Egyptian speakers accused Sudan of involvement in the assassination attempt at Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in June, Sudanese accused Egypt of funding extremist movements in Egypt itself. The accusations were mainly spurred and followed by a discussion over border disputes.

According to the Sudanese version, the dispute over the Halaib Triangle has festered since 1956 when Sudan became independent. An agreement was signed in 1899 between the two countries but there was no mentioning of borders," as Dr. Rahman puts it. After the introduction of some amendments in 1902. due to problems that arose with two tribes living on the borders, some lands were added to Egypt and other territory was added to Sudan. The latter is now called the Halaib Triangle.

There were no problems for 60 years until 1958 when Egypt sent two memoran-dums to Sudan," Dr. Rah-

Egypt protested that Sudan holds its legislative elections within the Halaib area. The second memo informed Sudan of Egypt's intention to hold a referendum in the same area over Egyptian-Syrian unity."

"Sudan protested then to the United Nations Security Council. The Arab League. unfortunately did not make a move," he said.

In 1990. Sudan announced it had granted a Canadian oil company exploration rights in the triangle, an agreement which Egypt rejected. The Sudanese-Egyptian relationship deteriorated further as the two countries differed over the 1990-1991 Gulf cri-

But Egyptian speakers were quick to point out that all documents in Sudan's possession do not show that Egypt relinquished its rights "All amendments are administrative and not poli-

tical," said Dr. Abdul Majid. "The Egyptian tolerance (all these years) does not mean 'commitments' or 'sovereign-However, he said, the dis-

crisis ... borders are a secondary problem. According to Dr. Abdul Majid, all what Sudan has to

do is to condemn violence

and terrorism in all its forms. "There is support for ter-rorism in Sudan ... Sudan should condemn terrorism clearly and decisively," he said. "This step will be the start but it will have deep influence and it will help put an end to the crisis that has taken a longer time than it

should.

Sudanese speakers argued that Sudan was not a terrorist country, has not been involved in terrorist attacks, and condemned Sunday's blast at the Egyptian embassy in Pakistan as well as the assassination attempt against President Mubarak. Egyptian speakers accused Sudan of being involved in the attack on Mr. Muharak and called for what they termed as clear and decisive stand against

One of the examples that show Sudanese terrorism. Dr. Abdul Majid said, was the indifference shown towards members of the Jihad

ment that publicly announces its responsibility for terrorist attacks.

should ban members of the Jihad group from participating in the meetings of the Islamic people's conference." said Dr. Abdul Majid. "We're talking about

confidence-building measures as the only means towards solving the crisis politi-cally," he said. "It is through condemning and taking a serious stand against terrorism that confidence can be restored." In an interview with the

Jordan Times following the seminar, one of the Sudanese speakers said that Egypt itself was involved in the assassination attempt against Mr. Mubarak.

"They are the ones who finance the extremist movements in Upper Egypt to gain money." he said. "We have no idea about the extremists they were talking about. They are not in Sudan and they are not protected by

Egyptian speaker Abdul Minem Sa eed insisted that

Sudan was involved in terrorism and referred to Sudanese arms smuggling incidents. He said problems would con-If Sudan was serious, "they tinue between the two countries if a solution was not

> A professor at the University of AL Al-Bait Mohammad Kheireddin, accused Sudan of starting the conflict when it closed down a branch of the Cairo University in Khartoum and seized all its belongings.

"It is an unjustified step," he said. If reference is made to the Halaib Triangle, "we say these are administered borders and has never been political borders. We have never signed any document in this regard," he said.

Mr. Kheireddin's tone calmed down in the evening session where words were heard of hope of better relations between the two coun-

Egyptian speakers proposed the hosting of a similar conference in Egypt in the near future between Sudanese and Egyptian scholars and politicians. The Sudanese agreed.

Russian traveller in trouble en route to South Pole

(AP) — Russian traveler ongratula: into terrible frosts that are causing the solo voyager trouble two weeks into a skiing trip to the south pole, his manager said Tuesday. Even though it is summer in the antarctic. the temperature has falled to minus 60 degrees Celsius (minus 76 degrees Fahrenheit), slowing down Konyukhov considerably, manager Boris Pestryakov told the ITAR-TASS news agency. Mr. Konyukhov is carrying a sled with 135 kilos of food and clothing among other things. He planned to cover the 1,350 kilometres (833 miles) on

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#### Manila gives initial okay to death for

has approved a bill imposing the death penalty on people who sexually abuse children, to curb a sex trade affecting 100,000 children in the Asian country, lawmakers said Wednesday. The draft bill makes paedophilia punishable by a maximum penalty of death and fines of up to 250,000 pesos (\$9,600). If the offender is a foreigner and the penalty imposed is a jail term, he can be deported only after serving his term. Present law punishes paedophiles with a maximum of life imprisonment. A foreigner can evade serving the penalty if the government decides to deport him immediately. "It is very unfortunate that some of the hottest tourist attractions of the Philippines are now children," said Sergio Apostol, one of the bill's authors, after the lower house committee on justice adopted the draft legislation Tuesday. The bill must be approved by the entire 202-member chamber and will become law once a similar measure is passed by the Senate and signed by President Fidel Ramos. The Thailand-based End Child Prostitution in Asian Tourism (ECPAT) group estimates the number of prostitutes aged 17 and below at one million, with 100.000 of them in the Philippines. A presidential panel has urged the death penalty to check child prostitution. Social workers say it has become an international trade patronised by

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